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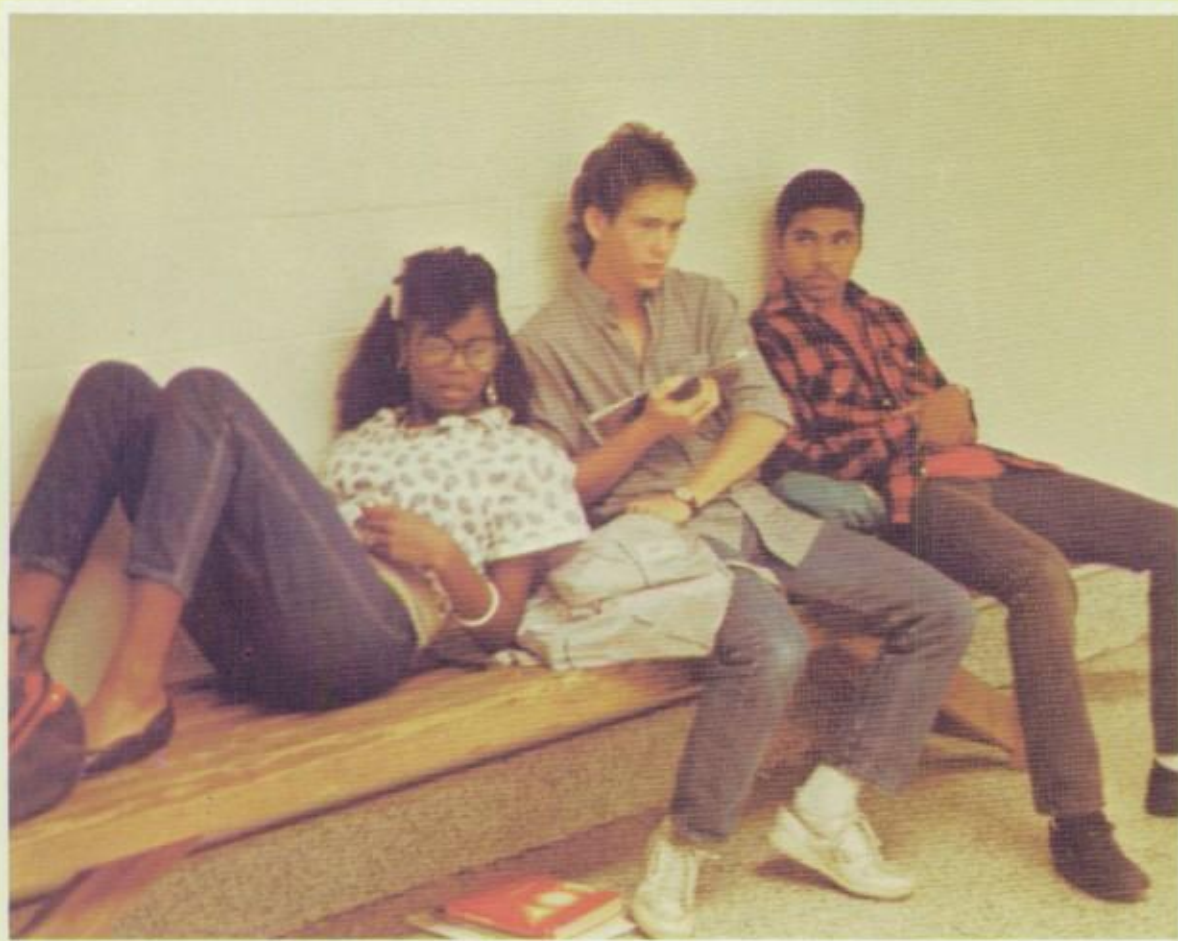
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Showing their spirit, these students attend a pep rally. (S. Craven)

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All tangled-up, Scott Craven and Sandy Harrington engage in a wrestling match. (L. Dickson)



Lounging in the commons, these students take a break from a hectic day. (S. Craven)

Dressed to cheer, Scott Rhodes shows his spirit at the Powder Puff game. (M. Hodgin)





Cover Story

“‘C’ an you believe this year’s yearbook cover? It makes absolutely no sense!!”

“Of course it does! you really must be stupid.”

“Well then, tell me something. Why are the letters of the title white and the other ones blue? Also, why is it coming out of a blue triangle?”

“Man, you are dumb! for one thing, the title is “Out of the Blue”. It is literally coming out of the blue triangle,. Now do you get it? Do you have any more ignorant questions?”

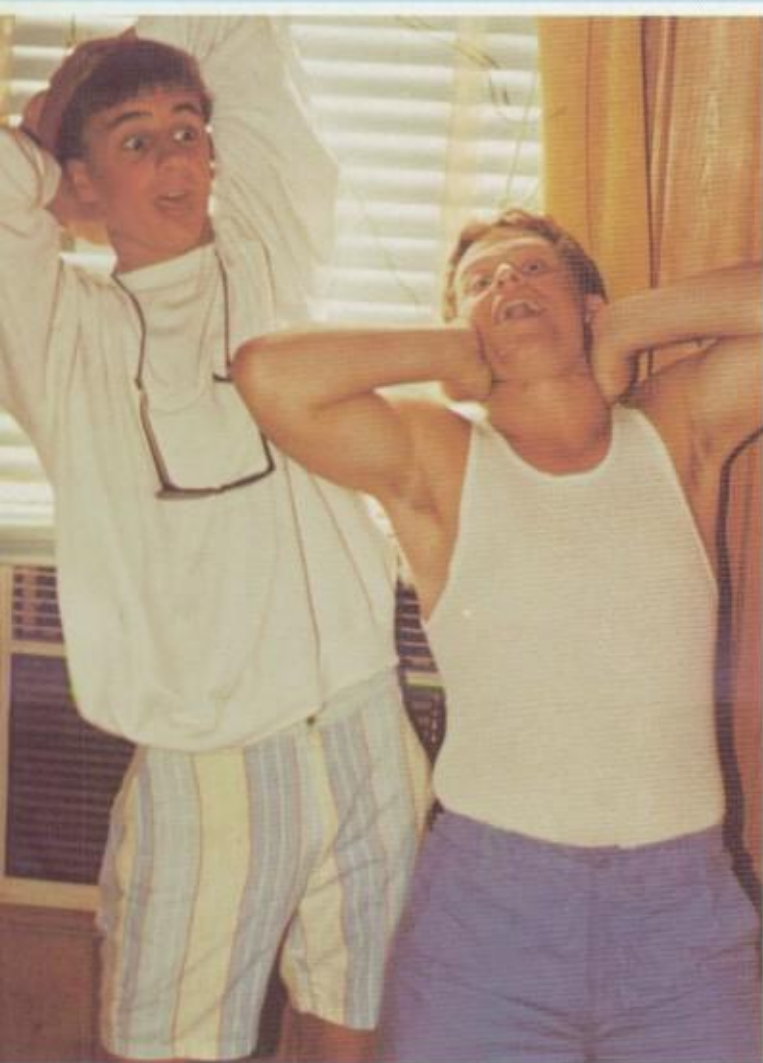
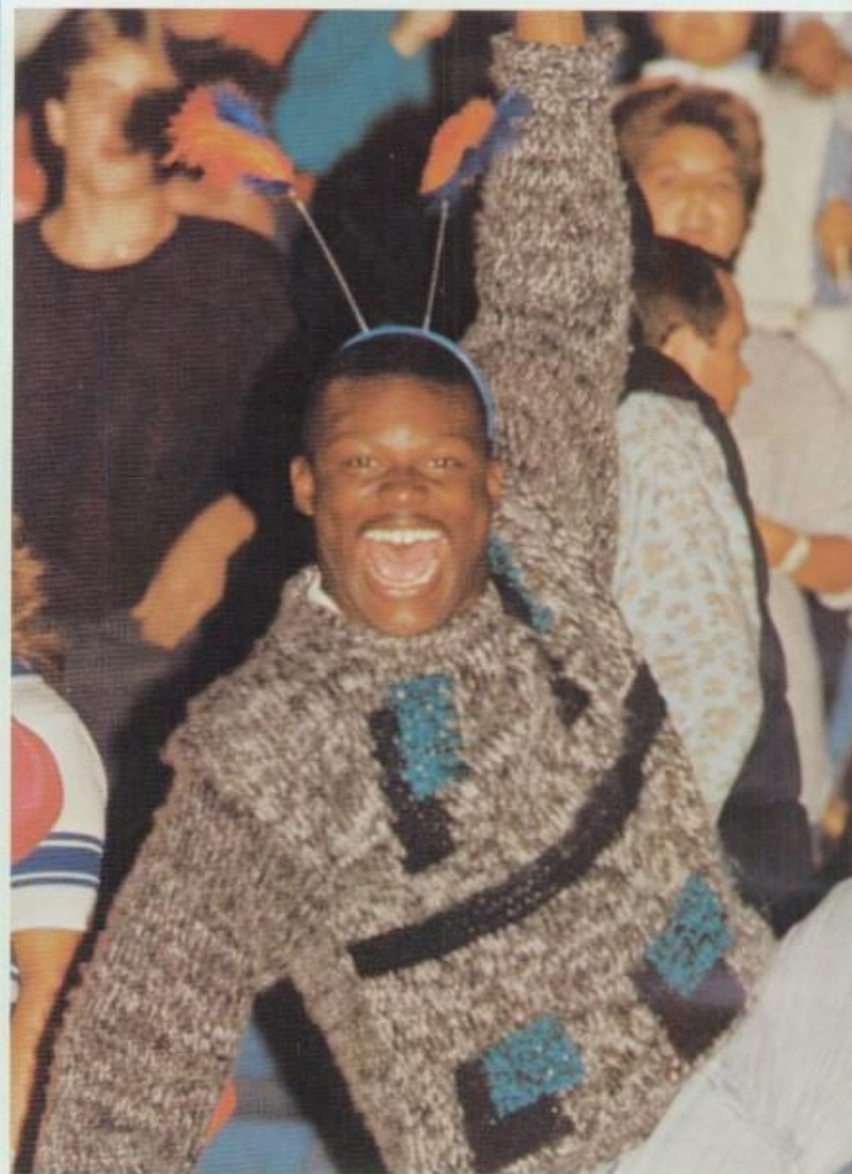
“Yes, I have another question. However, I don’t think it is so ignorant! Why is the word “Echo” written crooked? Doesn’t anyone on the staff have a sense of symmetry?”

“Of course they do, and the letters aren’t crooked. They are falling — “Out of the Blue”!!!

Hanging-out in the gym, Matt Frantz displays his basketball skills. (D. Elliott)

Bursting with enthusiasm, Bernard Reese gives a cheer for the Tigers. (M. Hodgin)

With quickness and skill, Mark Gailey blocks a goal. (M. Hodgin)



Being strangled by vines, Shannon Bishop and Frank Norton gasp for breath. (D. Elliott)

During the hectic day, these freshmen enjoy a quiet break. (S. Craven)



Trying to boost the team's spirit, Mike Money gives Matt Larick encouraging words. (M. Hodgkin)



Out of the Blue And into the Action

It seemed like many things came "Out of the Blue" this school year. For example, classes were extended by five minutes; therefore, we did not have homeroom or an afternoon break. Also, many students had to suffer through the hot days without the break to relax between classes. However, the stu-

dents did not complain too much.

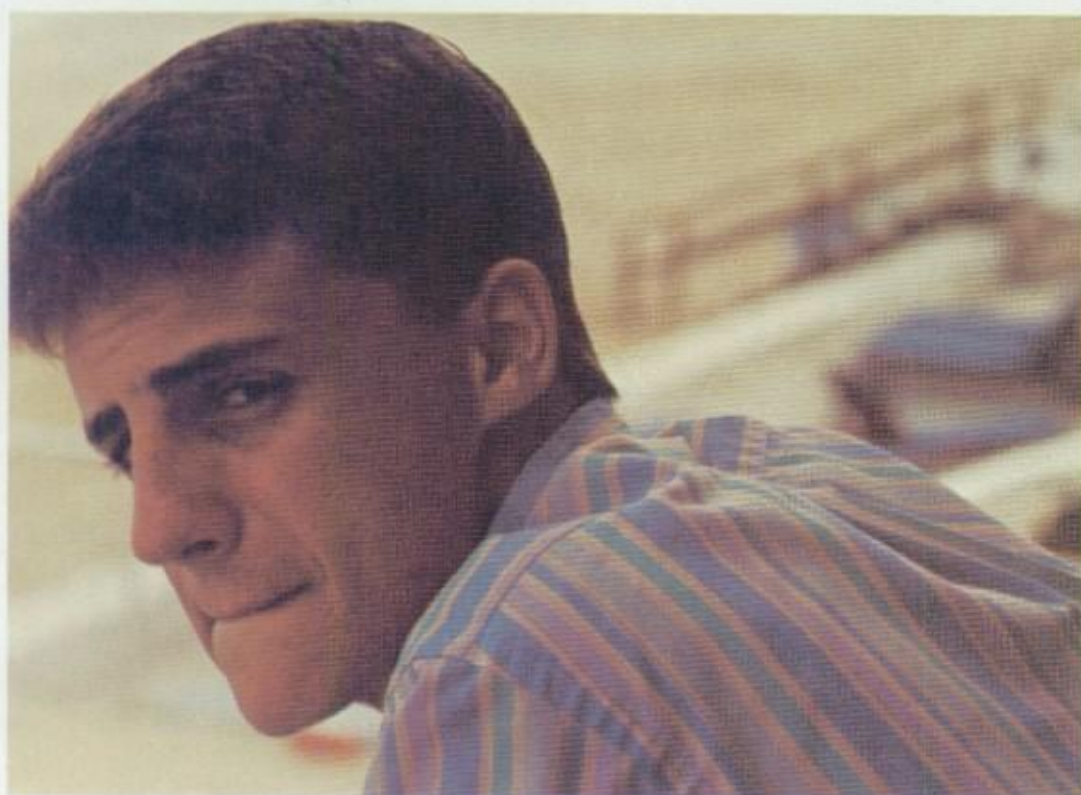
The football team's slow start seemed to come "Out of the Blue" as well. Several players were injured, and that put some strain on the team. The loss of the first two games dampened some spirits, but the students continued to support the Tigers.

Despite the longer school day and the football team's slow start, the students still exhibited great school spirit. For some seniors, the school year seemed to begin at a fast pace; however for others graduation would be "Out of the Blue"!!

OUT OF THE BLUE



Happy to get away, Shannon Bishop visits the beach, a popular vacation spot year round. (D. Elliott)



Dancing with his lucky partner, Scott Mann was one of the many who enjoyed the new additions to Student life: school dances. (R. Gardner)





Besides getting free admission to all the games, band members enjoyed a creative output for their extra time. (S. Craven)

Student Life

Student Life is about more than just the life of a student, but about the life of an athlete, a journalist, a leader, and an entertainer. The typical week of an active Ragsdale student proceeds as follows:

- Monday:** Math test . . . newspaper deadline . . . basketball practice . . . High Point Youth Council
- Tuesday:** History paper due . . . physics test . . . game tonight at Western . . . detention hall — yuck! . . . “Moonlighting” is on tonight, finally.
- Wednesday:** English in-class essay on **The Great Gatsby** . . . Student Congress meeting - plan the dance . . . piano lesson . . . Tom Hanks is on “David Letterman”
- Thursday:** French test on l'imperfect . . . orthodontist appointment at 3 o'clock . . . French Club meeting . . . work from 4 to 7
- Friday:** Another math test . . . Rhythm and Rhapsody dress rehearsal . . . application for Carolina due . . . game: home against Central for conference championship . . . party in Forestdale East after game . . . TGIF!!

INTO THE NIGHT

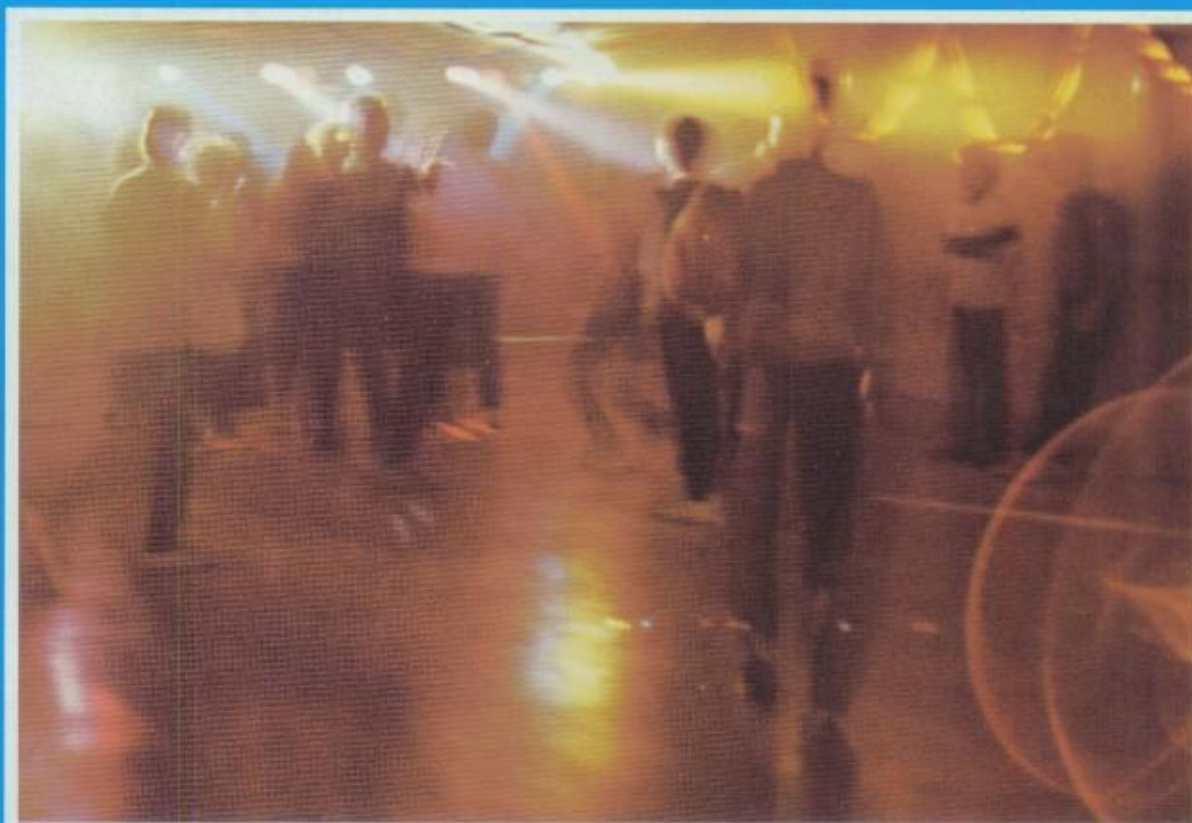
Most students looked forward to each weekend which ended a hectic week of school and hard work. After the 2:40 bell rang on Friday afternoons, students knew that the rest of the weekend was for them-

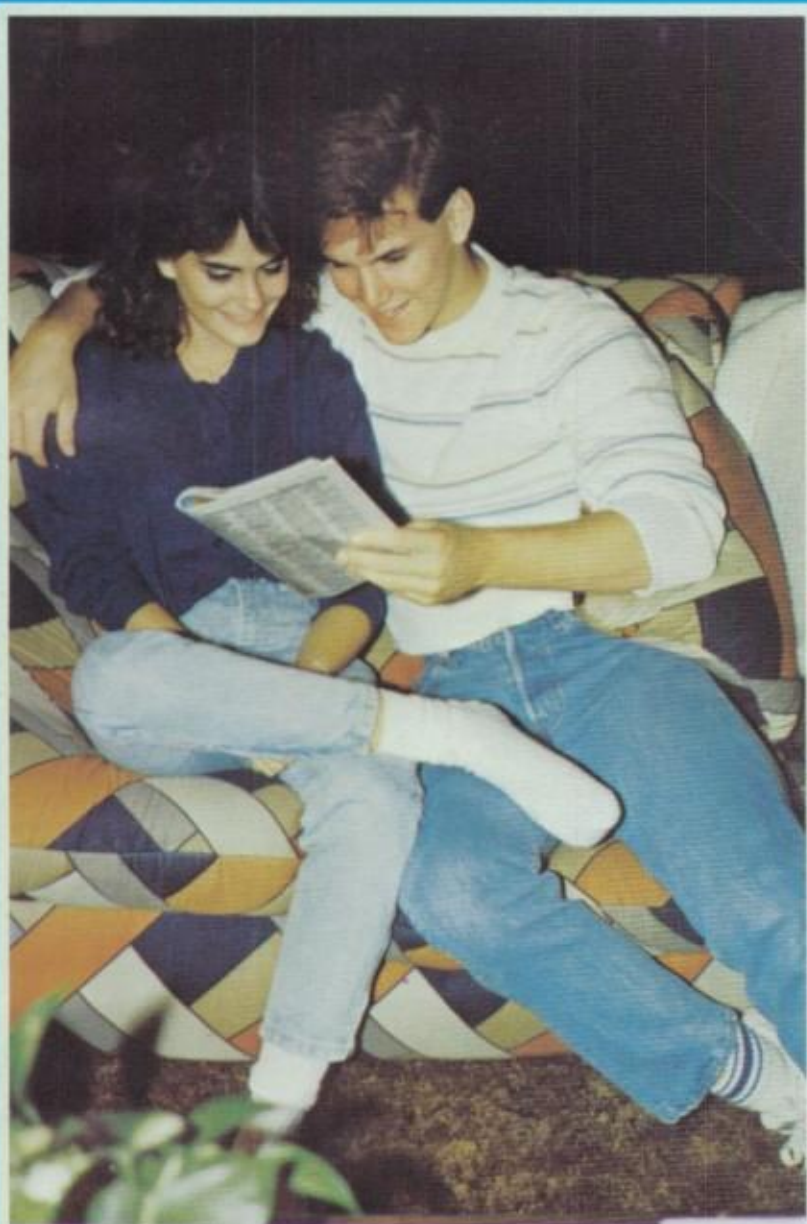
selves.

After school and into the night most students spent their time at parties, dances, going out with friends, dating, working, just staying home alone watching TV, or going out to the ballgames.

Cruising into the night. Sandy Harrington takes these students for a ride down High Point Road. (M. Hodgins)

During the Labor Day Jam, some Ragsdale students take advantage of the new wave sounds. (R. Garner)





Looking through the TV guide, Laurie King and Kirk Raybon see that the "Cosby Show" is on tonight. (D. Elliott)

Spending a night at home with friends, sophomore Michelle Dick entertains Rachel Justus, Erin Chance, and Lisa Horner. (S. Craven)



Trying out a new spot to eat, Krista Elliott and Randy Palmer enjoy a relaxing meal.



Striving to be the best they can, Steve Turner and Tim Strickland put in extra hours of hard work. (S. Craven)

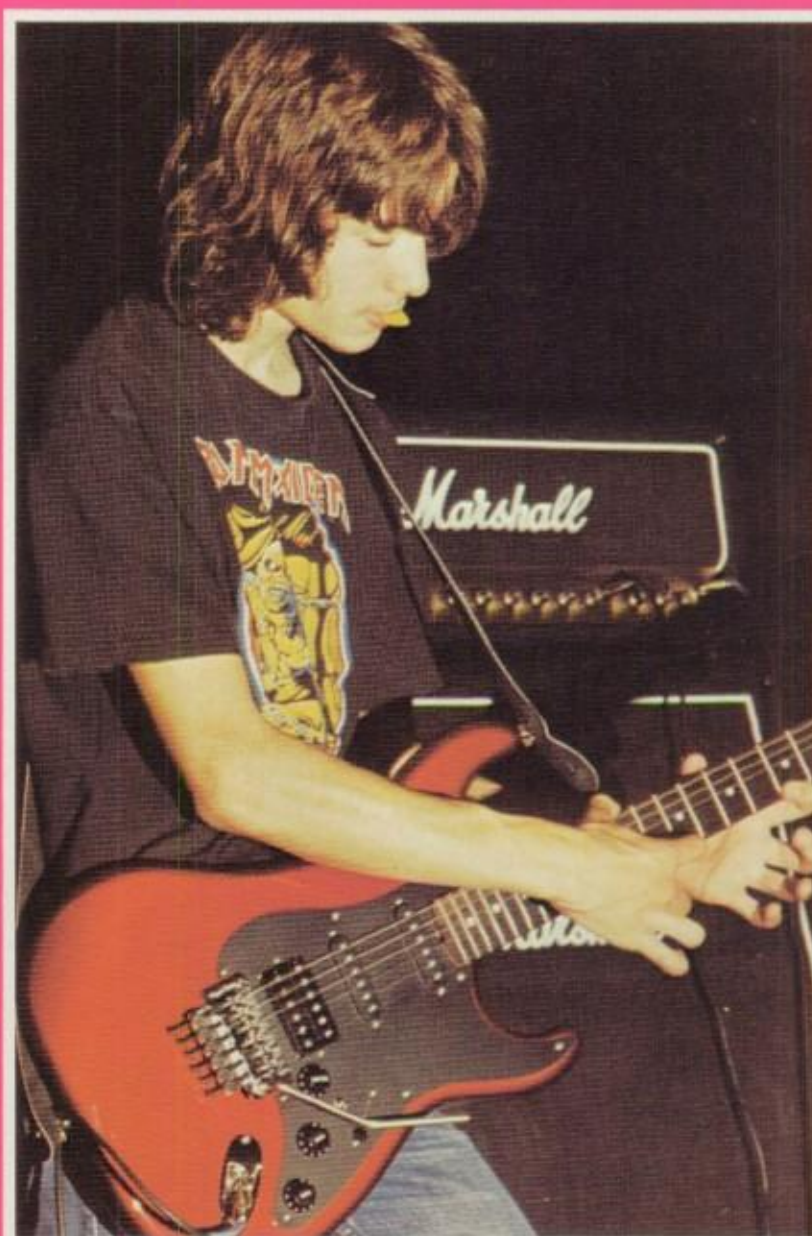
The Sound of Music

"**S**hot through the heart and you're to blame, darling you give love a bad name." Tunes such as this echoed through the halls as many students found music to be an important part of their lives. Concerts provided the feeling of "real life entertainment" for many dedicated music lovers

who made the trip to their favorite concert spots.

Whether they listened to music during gym class in the weight room, in their cars, or at home, it proved to be full of enjoyment and relaxation. As junior Scott Craven said, "Life without music, for me, would be infinitely more barren than it is now."

Displaying his unique guitar prowess, Adam Balevic takes time to find the right sound. (M. Hodgins)



Insuring enjoyment for many, music comes in different forms. (E. Dove)



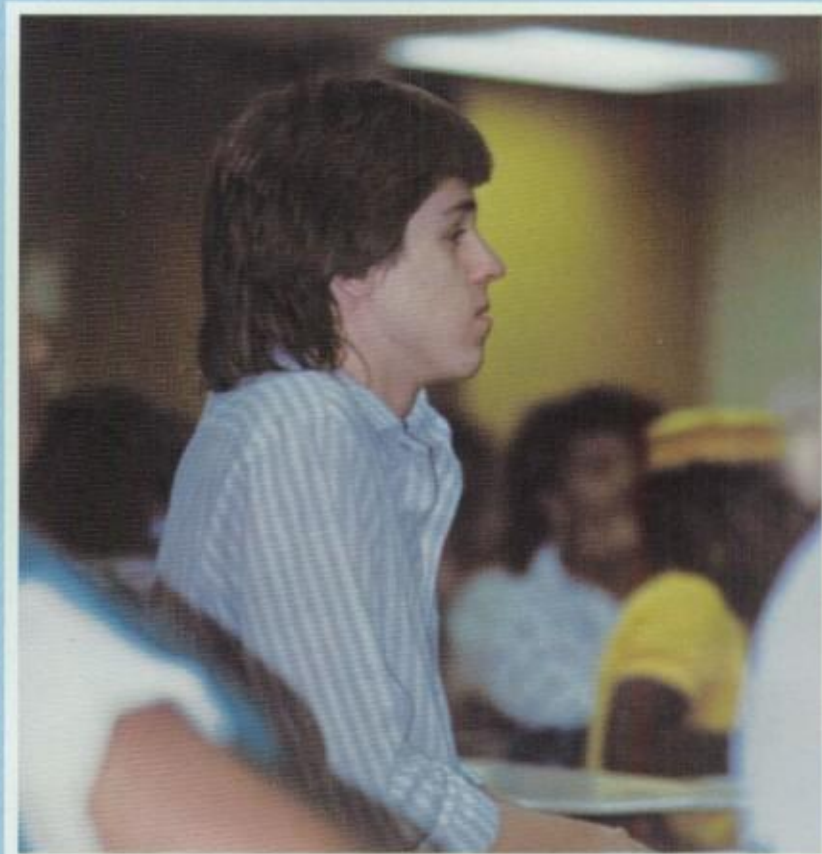
Finding time to browse around, Scott Jagow and Joe Parrish search for their favorite tunes. (S. Craven)

A Day in the Life of A Ragsdale Student

Mike Klima listens as Ms. Cates explains the day's assignments. (S. Craven)

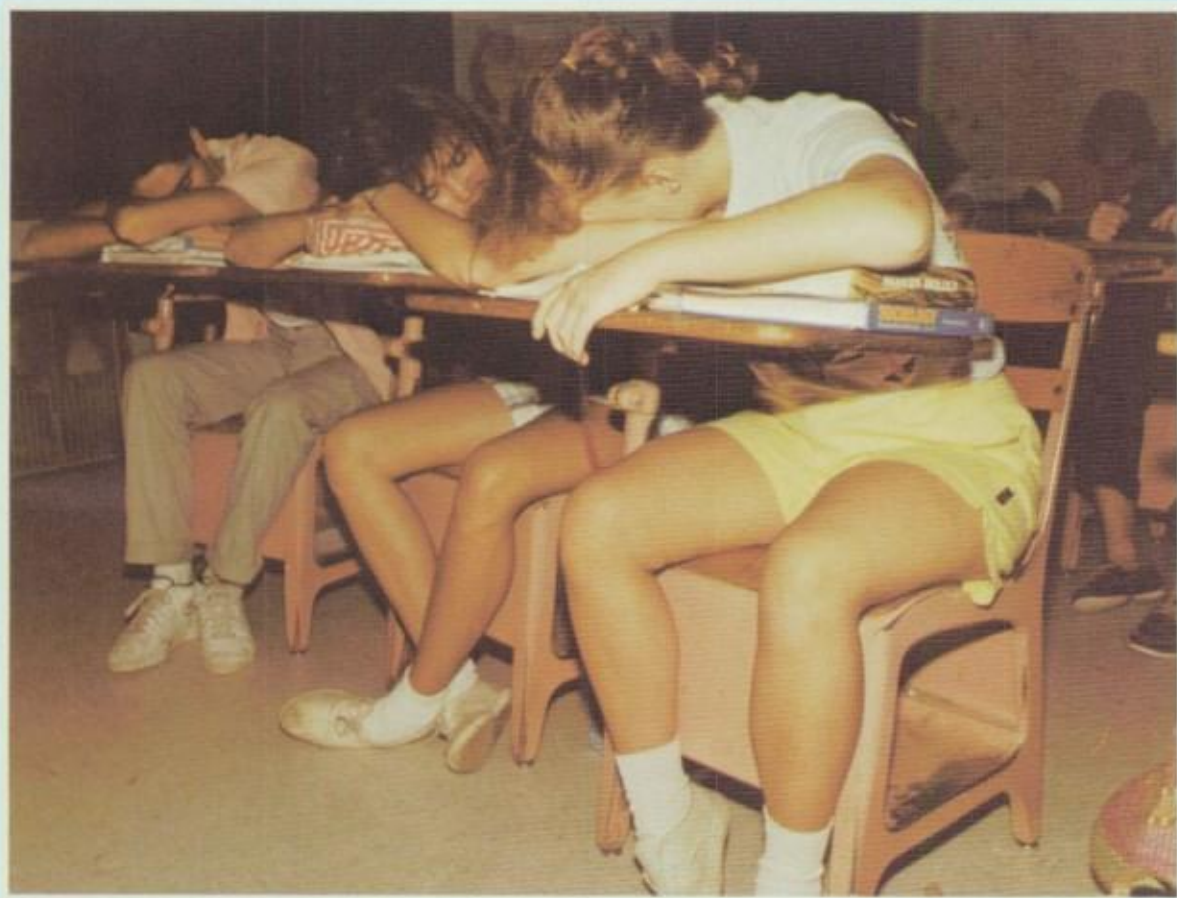
The doors opened and another year began at Ragsdale. Students rushed about to classes and yelled greetings to one another as the first bell rang. From this moment on, life had begun again at Ragsdale. Now that the summer was gone most students found that their days were once again full of school-related activities. Students once again had to listen in class and study for tests, but there also were friends to laugh with, places to gather and talk and once again the lunchroom. Students fell back into the routine of everyday school life.

Friends gathered together in the commons and at tables in the lunchroom to share the latest news. The days seemed to have slipped away and soon the first nine weeks had ended much to the dismay of both students and the faculty. A fourth of the year was gone and, out of the blue, the rest soon followed.



These students find time during class change to talk about the days news.

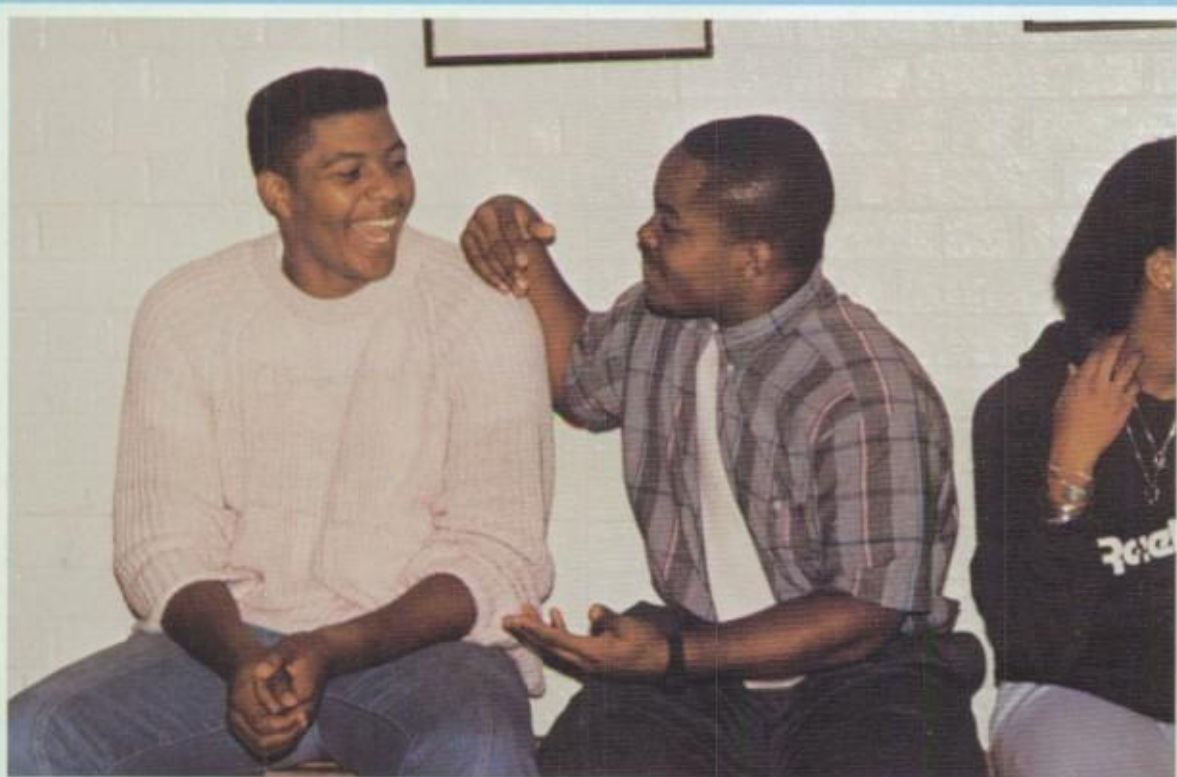




Students at Rest

Students often gathered to spend the time between classes or the lunch period together. They could be seen all over the school laughing, whispering, or just talking. The days went quickly and the weeks slipped into each other. Before many people realized it, the end of a nine weeks was over — “Out Of The Blue!”

These students find that night life and school activities often leave them tired. (M. Hodgins)



. . . At Play

Marvell Washington and Chris Lilly find a place to joke out in the commons.



. . . At Lunch

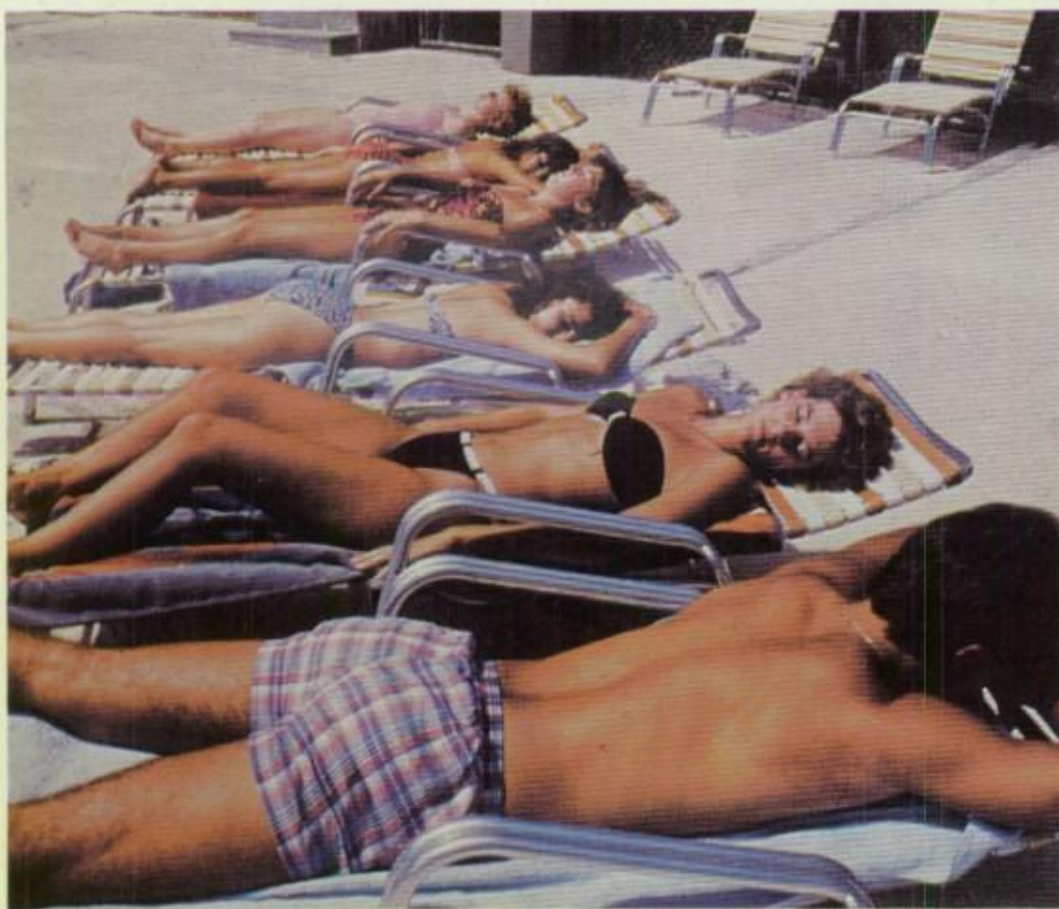
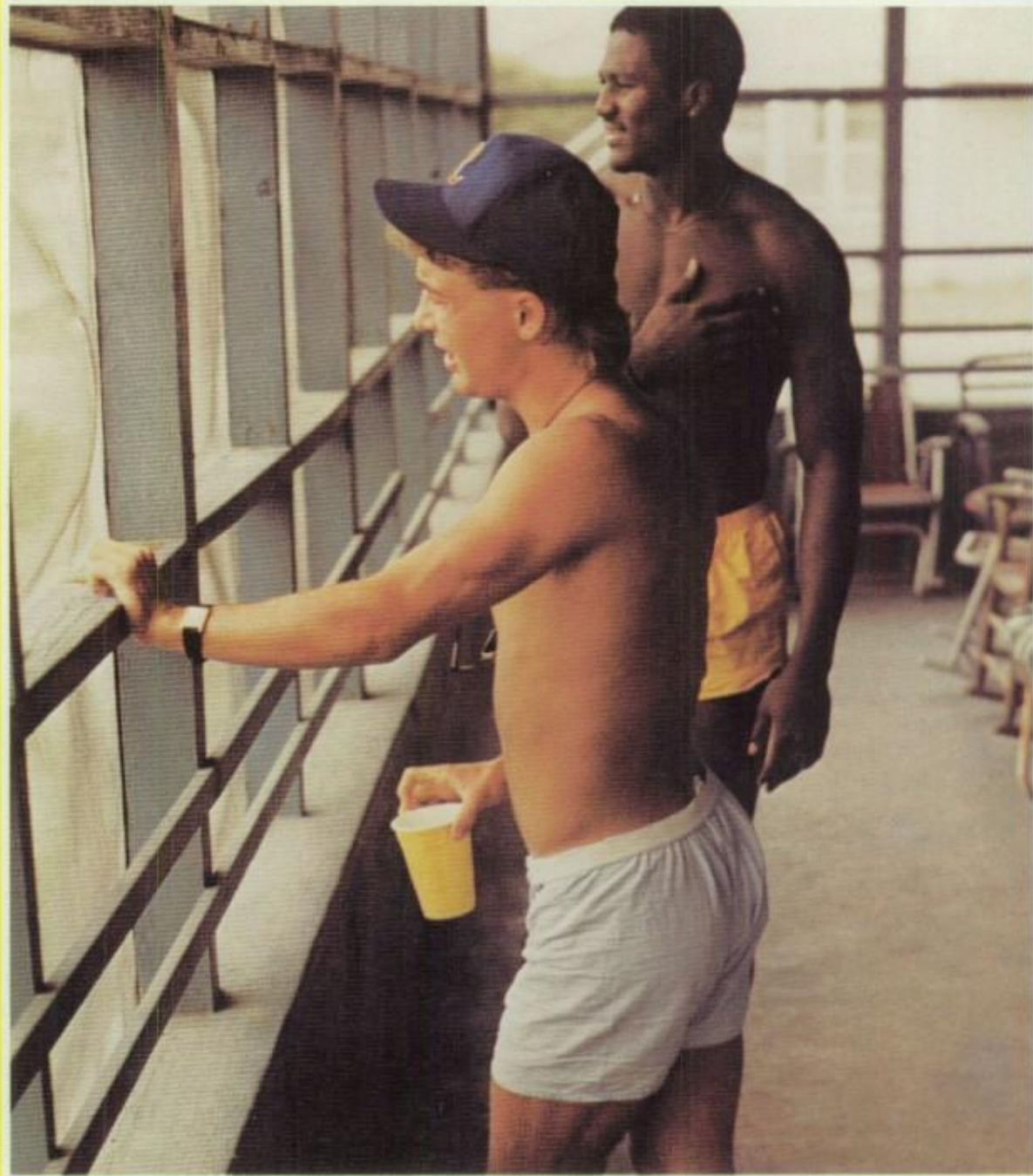
This group takes time out during the busy day to eat lunch and share the latest news. (M. Hodgins)

Waking up to an exciting day at the beach, Jason Long and Robert Gibson enjoy and invigorating cup of orange juice. (D. Elliot)

SONG OF SUMMER

When students were asked what their favorite time of year was, the unanimous reply was summer. Not only was summer a vacation from school, it provided endless warm days and evenings — a chance to swim, ski, and get a suntan. For many, summer was synonymous with the beach. Each week, hoards of Ragsdale students took the beaches of North and South Carolina by storm.

The summer of 1986 was particularly memorable for its drought students celebrated June, July, and most of August without rain. Students in the rural areas dealt with the effect of the drought on crops and gardens as their urban peers joined by conserving water. With cloudless skies, this year's summer excitement really did come "Out of the Blue."



Lean and sizzlin, these Ragsdale students engage in a favorite pastime; catching some rays. (M. Hodgins)

To cool off from the heat, Rene Phelps and Jill Regan spend a few lazy hours at the pool. (M. Hodgins)





Enjoying a rare break from the dry weather, Nancy Oliphant and Jamie Brown take a refreshing splash in the rain. (M. Hodgin)



As a volunteer at Fun Fourth, Amy Woodburn endures splash after splash from a wet sponge thrown by relentless peers. (M. Hodgkin)

A long time fan of the pool, Leigh Swisher uses her swimming expertise to teach a young friend the ways of the water. (M. Hodgkin).

At Jennifer Gaibraith's pool party, the birthday girl and Kirk Raybom discuss the implications of the barbeque. (M. Hodgkin)





Preferring more interesting jobs, Scott Craven works as a DJ at a radio station. (M. Hodglin)

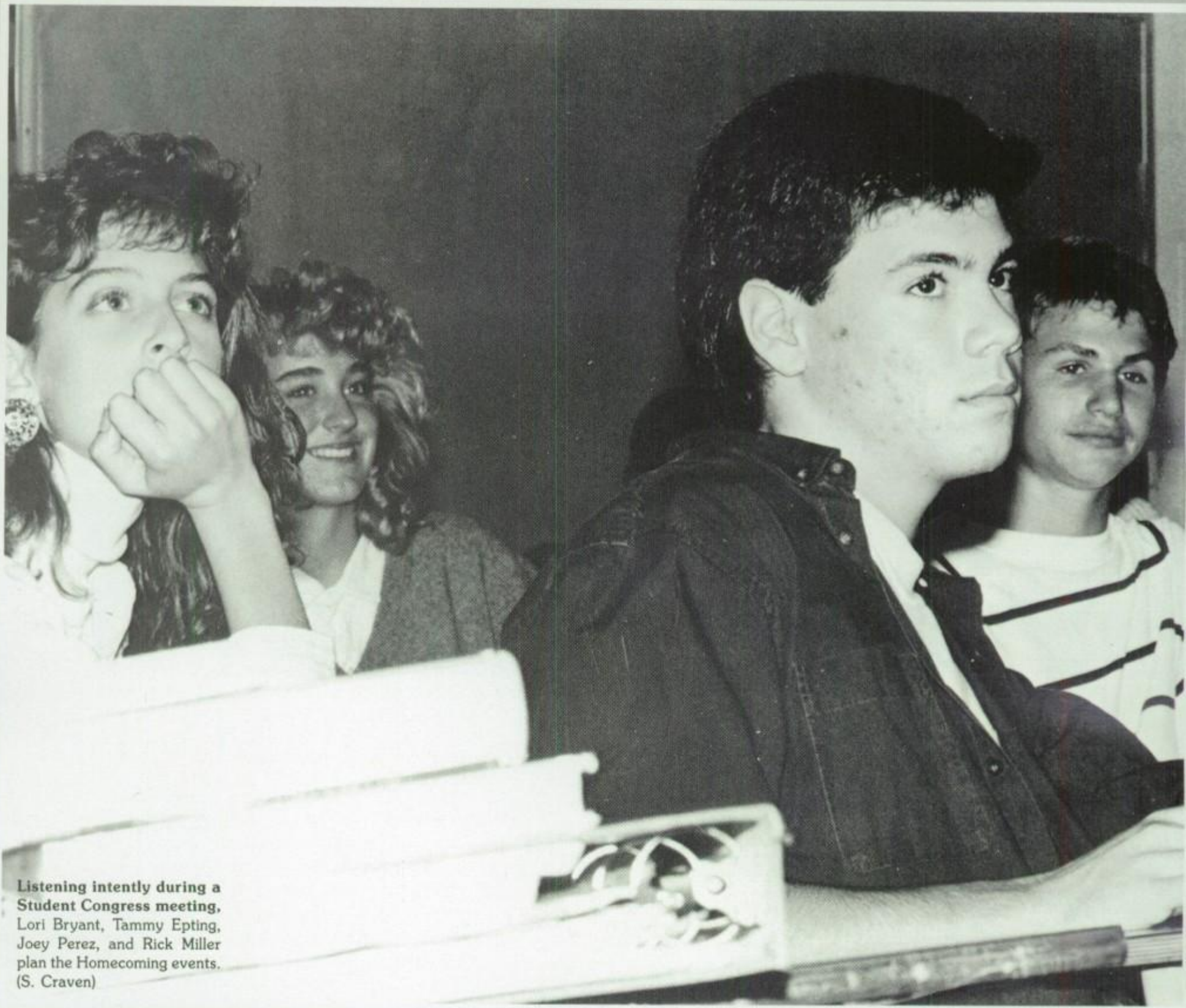


Like many fellow students, Jennifer Galbraith enjoys the thrill of waterskiing. (M. Hodglin)

SUMMER

Of course, summer wasn't all beach and sun. Most students found summer jobs to earn money for clothing, gas, and entertainment. Other students travelled across the nation and abroad, particularly with the annual school sponsored trip to France. For many, sum-

mer was a chance to play sports, swim, and sail. Still others took summer courses to catch up, get ahead, or just to learn. No matter how it was spent, the end of summer marked the end of another great vacation and the start of a new school experience.



Listening intently during a Student Congress meeting, Lori Bryant, Tammy Epting, Joey Perez, and Rick Miller plan the Homecoming events. (S. Craven)

While learning their responsibilities as new members of Student Congress, freshmen Cindy Meredith and Amy Dimidio enjoy the challenge. (S. Craven)



LEADERS

From each individual class, five students were chosen as Student Congress representatives. These selected students had many duties and responsibilities to fulfill throughout the year. The major event tackled this year was the Homecoming festivities. With the guidance from their new advisors, Mrs. Traywick and Mr. Carroll, Student Congress was able to plan ahead earlier this year to make the Homecoming event the best ever. Student Congress chose the theme "Reaching for the Stars."

Other than Home-

coming, Student Congress also organized the Powder Puff football game, for example, and distributed food to needy families during Christmas time. In their weekly meetings on Mondays, Student Congress discussed ideas about different events to be prepared throughout the school year. Through the dedication and hard work of all the members, including the president Courtenay Shaw, V. President Kirk Raybon, Secretary Randy Palmer, and Treasurer Lori Bryant, they were able to make it a great year for Student Congress.

Finally catching a moment alone. President of Student Congress, Courtenay Shaw finishes up on some homework. (R. Garner)

As the new advisors of Student Congress this year, Mrs. Traywick and Mr. Carroll listen to the ideas of a student. (S. Craven)



THE YEAR OF THE RAT

Skateboarding once again took its place as a top fad for many students. A completely different style, look, and attitude were noticeable in these students. Whether it was their "punk" hairstyle, their "laid back" appearance, or their "skating" jargon, these skateboarders were seldom mistaken.

Although they seemed to dislike their

title, "Skate rats", they were always ready to show off their skills to any interested spectators. Definitely distinguishable from skaters, punkers also roamed the halls. Basically, their styles were similar to the skaters with the exception of the skateboarding habit. Our skaters and punkers helped keep alive the new fads throughout the year!



Using total concentration, Charlie Jones gets an upside down look at the world. (S. Craven)



Soaring towards the sky, Tyler Hunter seems to be suspended in the air. (S. Craven)

Gaining the attention of the crowd, Black Flag launches another musical attack. (M. Hodgin)



Spending a night out on the town, Mike Hodgin and Elizabeth Ihrig enjoy friends' company at this sidewalk rendezvous. (M. Hodgin)

REACHING FOR THE STARS

"Reaching for the Stars", the 1986 Homecoming theme, was a perfect example of the spirit and anticipation displayed at the Homecoming celebration. The pep rally was a sign for things to come, complete with class spirit contests, a "Trinity" Homecoming, Court, and the traditional destroying of class banners.

Fortunately, the weather held out through the evening. Excellent spirited cheerleading, roaring crowds, and a spectacular half-time show ac-

companied the football's team's demolition of Trinity. The excitement of the first half continued into the presentation of the court. The representatives from each class and their escorts were announced by emcees Doug Elliott and Ashli Welborn. The procession climaxed with the presentation of Queen and Maid of Honor. Senior attendants included Wendy Edwards, Krista Elliott, Sharon Horner, Jinah Park, Misty Peoples, Courtenay Shaw, and Kelly York. Finally, amidst

Upon being crowned Maid of Honor, Courtenay Shaw receives a hug from the 1985 Queen, Misty McCall. (S. Craven)



On word of the good news,
Mike Gailey kisses Misty Peo-
ples, the 1986 Homecoming
Queen. (M. Hodgkin)



Senior attendants: Cour-
tenay Shaw, Kelly York,
Krista Elliott, Shanon Horner,
Wendy Edwards, Jinah Park.
Not pictured: Misty Peoples.
(S. Craven)

Sophomore attendants: Rachel Justus, Erin Chance, Michelle Dick, Lisa Horner. Not pictured: Renisha McCuller (S. Craven)



STARS

the building anticipation, the winners were announced: Cortenay Shaw, Maid of Honor, Misty Peoples, Homecoming Queen. After exchanging hugs with last year's Queen, Misty McCall, the new Queen and Maid of Honor turned to face the excited crowd, and the Homecoming thrill proceeded.

Freshman attendants: Amy Dimidio, Wendy Gibson, Michelle White, Natalie White, Amy Hardeman. (S. Craven)





During the day court, sophomore representatives await the next participant. (S. Craven)

Junior attendants: Tami Trottier, Jeanna Forlines, Lori Bryant, Tammy Epting. Not pictured: Michelle Wright.



Escorted by Jody Godbolt, Michelle White steps up to the star-studded platform. (S. Craven)



Sweeping out his bus, Daniel Hayes finds driving a bus does have its disadvantages. (D. Elliott)



Getting ready for a hard day's work, Stephen Thomas takes his place at the wheel. (D. Elliott)

Keeping the bus under control, Chip Smith and Bill Watkins make sure riders are not playing around. (D. Elliott)



NEED A RIDE?

Some students chose to be bus drivers despite forewarnings from their friends. The prospect of easy money overshadowed thoughts of early morning and late afternoon hours. Although this job may seem monotonous, most drivers found a way to liven it up a bit.

One driver accounted for a glint he got in his eye while driving

that kept others off balance and put humor into his job. All of the drivers possessed responsibility and determination, for hauling a busload of kids around is no easy task. Acknowledging the responsibility involved one proud driver stated, "I am proud to be able to stand up and say that I drive a bus!"

Sharing a joke, Bobby Linen and Steve Hamilton pass the time waiting for school to be dismissed. (D. Elliott)



Junior Marshalls: back row: C. Putnam, M. Frantz, C. Johnson, R. White, L. Reynolds, D. Sink; middle: J. Muckenfuss, P. Painter, F. Norton, K. York, M. Spivey, S. Jones; front: C. Carty, B. Hoyle, J. Bell, A. Stone, M. Peoples, D. Corn, A. Welborn, N. Singh. (D. Elliot)

Stepping up to the platform
Nancy Cato realizes the big moment has arrived. (D. Elliot)



Led by Marshalls Matt Frantz and Patty Painter, the senior class moves one step closer to graduation. (D. Elliot)

As Tommy Mata looks on, his fellow honor graduates prepare to receive diplomas.



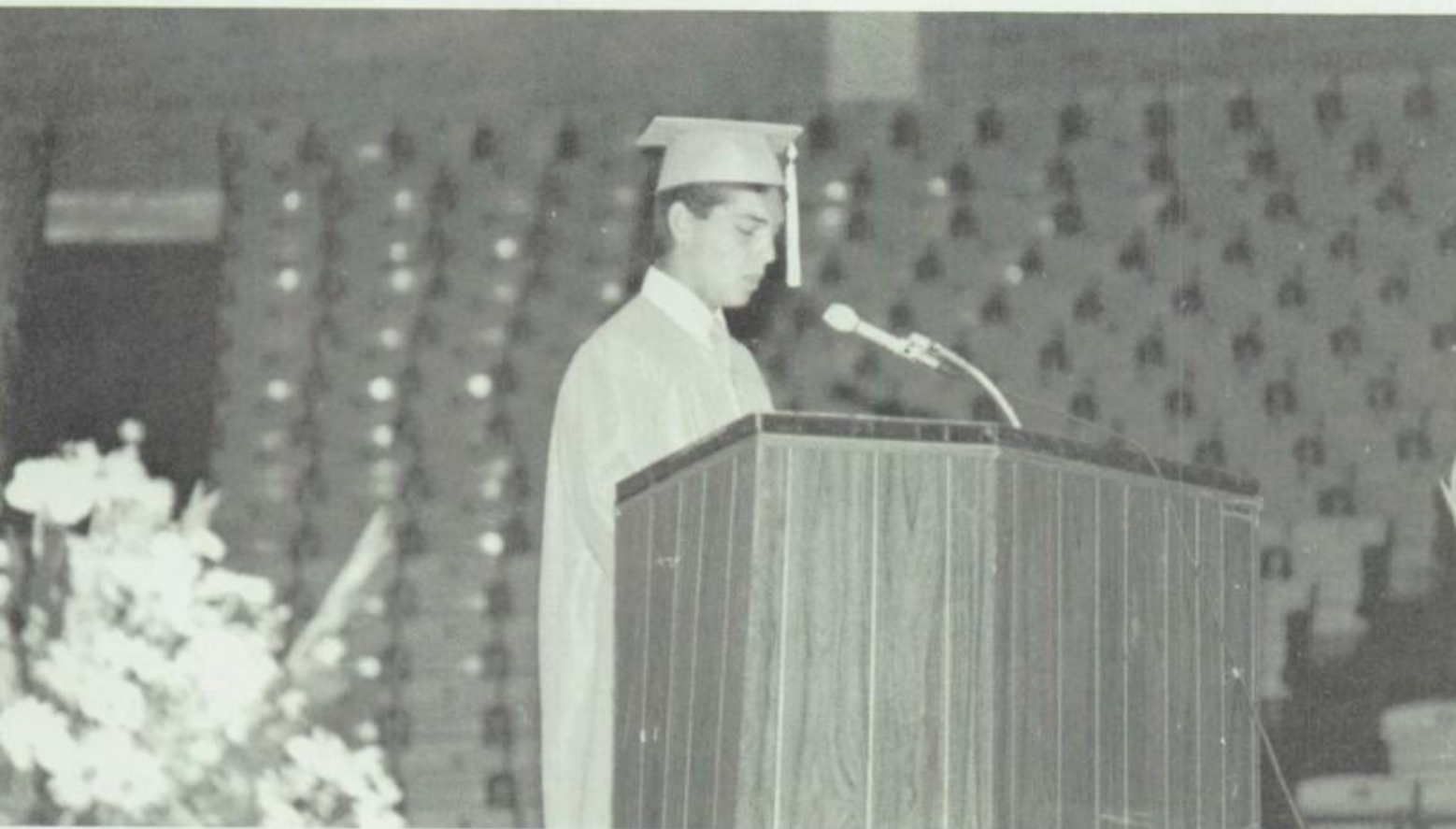
GRADUATION '86

May 31, 1986 said adieu to yet another graduating class. Many members of this year's class had plans to, after a beach trip, attend one of several prestigious colleges in state and beyond. Still others chose

to enter the work force or pursue a military career.

Speakers at the 1986 Graduation were Principal Stephen Dalton, and students Jay Dodson, Maria Batista, Steve Long, and Rich-

ard Miller. The Junior Marshalls, advised by Nancy Williford, helped with the ceremony, receiving a taste of what was to come the next year.



Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Williford gives instructions to a marshall. (D. Elliot)

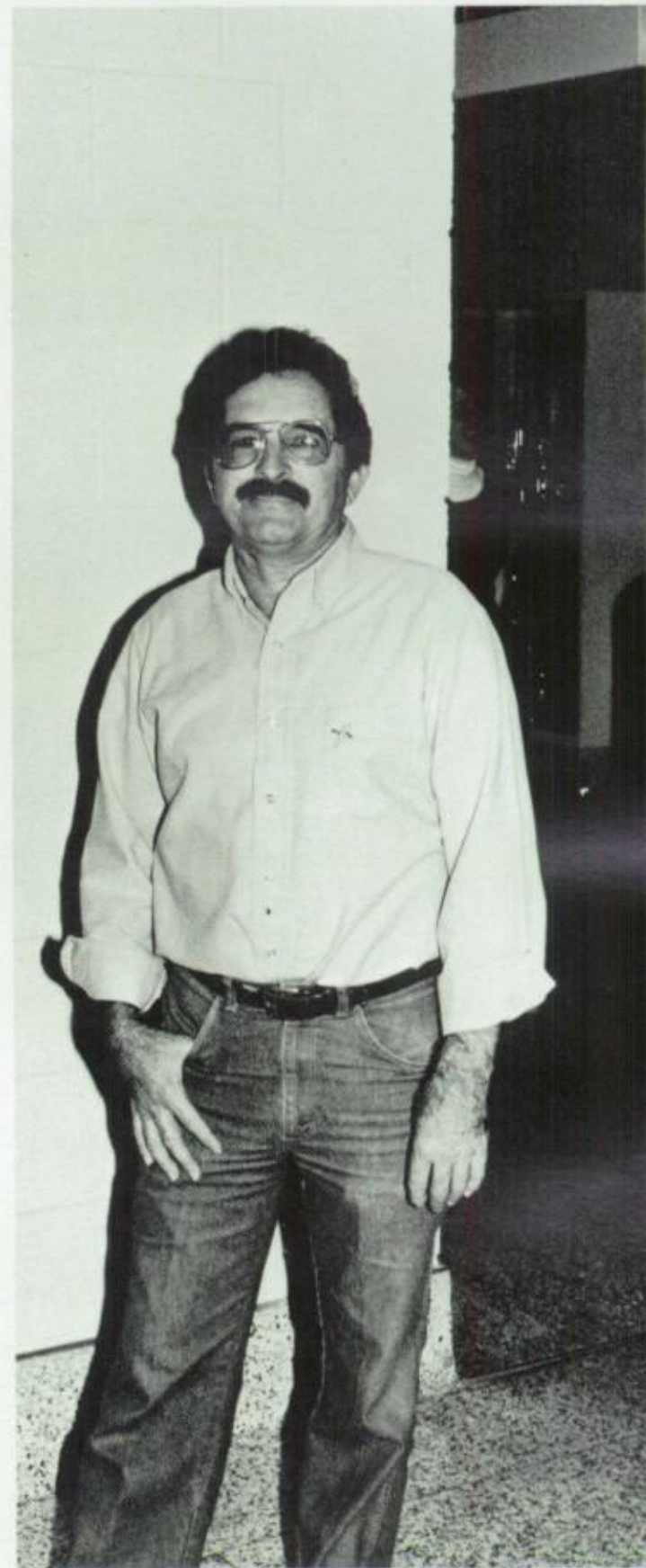
Proud to be a senior, Jay Dodson gives words of inspiration to his classmates. (Elliot)



Mr. and Mrs. Sanford have been keeping Ragsdale clean for more than 10 years. (R. Garner)

While taking a break from his job as maintenance man,

Mr. Cheek smiles for the camera. (S. Craven)



KEEPING OUR SCHOOL CLEAN

The Janitors at Ragsdale High School have spent many hours keeping the school clean. Each day they came in early and mopped and swept each floor of the building. When a heater

broke or a blind got stuck the janitors were called in with their expertises to solve the problem.

Each janitors day began at seven-thirty a.m. ended at four. Their many duties included

sweeping, mopping, emptying trash cans, and generally keeping a neat environment for the students here at Ragsdale.

All of the janitors enjoy working at Ragsdale most of the time. They

found the students to be enjoyable and nice. The janitors least liked time is after exams when one replied, "It's like the kids have renewed energy and all that energy goes onto the floor."



A long time veteran of Ragsdale, Mr. Sanford keeps the school looking nice. (R. Garner)



Sweeping the classroom is only one of Mrs. Sanford's many responsibilities. (S. Craven)



During the 1986-'87 school term, the Juniorette officers were Sharon Horner, president, Lori Bryant, vice-president, Patti Fields, secretary, and Candi Westbrook, treasurer.

Juniorettes

Who helps the needy at Christmas, sponsors the Teachers tea and host school dances? The answers to these questions are the Ragsdale Juniores. The Juniores are a service organization of many Ragsdale girls ranging from freshman to seniors.

Sharon Horner was last year's President and Mrs. Freeman was the groups advisor. Together

they taught the girls to be helpful and the necessity of helping others. Other services that were sponsored by the Juniores was a gift wrapping booth at Westchester Mall and operating the school store during the lunch hour. Many times in the past year their services have helped students in need as well as teachers and people in the community.

Mrs. Freeman, the

advisor of the Juniores, spent many long hours with her girls and with making plans with them. When asked what she thought of the Ragsdale Juniores, she said, "The Juniores are a fine group of girls who understand the need to help others. This need will always be with them and they are really a very special group of girls."



While at the Junioresettes sponsored dance, Mrs Freeman, the advisor, enjoys a dance with her husband. (E. Dove)

Junioresettes group picture. Jennifer Faircloth, Jostlin Hines, Kim Freeman, Sara Zeller, Margaret Johnston, Kate Long, Lisa Horner, Ellen Hegner, Amy Hegner, Suzanne Jagow, Krista Elliott, Wendy Edwards, Shelley Yergler, Lori King, Jennia Forlines, Tammy Trottier, Jamie Brown, Dana Jackson, Heidi Menzell, Rhonda Johnson, Moni Goude, Bobbie Stockard, Laurie Davis, Michelle Gleason, Tammy Epting, Erin Chance, Rachael Justice, Mrs. Freeman, Sharon Horner, Patty Fields, Lori Bryant, Candi Westbrook. (S. Craven)



TOP TEN EXCUSES FOR BEING LATE

- 1) Reagan called for advice on foreign affairs.
- 2) My car hit a stray elephant.
- 3) I couldn't find the elevator.
- 4) I got lost.
- 5) The teacher would have counted me late anyway.
- 6) God told me to sleep in an extra 45 minutes.
- 7) My Ferrari wouldn't start.
- 8) I had a wreck with a steamroller.
- 9) An upperclassman stuffed me in a locker.
- 10) Mom made me late.

TOP TEN WAYS OF GETTING OUT OF CLASS

- 1) Call a bomb threat.
- 2) Force a metal rod into a fuse box and pull the fire alarm.
- 3) Throw up.
- 4) You have to go to your aunt's cousin's funeral.
- 5) Imitate the bell.
- 6) Pay the guidance helper to get you out.
- 7) Leave all your books in your locker.
- 8) Bang your head on your desk.
- 9) Cuss the teacher out.
- 10) Set the clock forward for the substitute.

TOP TEN EXCUSES FOR FAILING A TEST

- 1) I didn't want to blow the curve.
- 2) I didn't know it was a test.
- 3) I didn't notice the last three pages.
- 4) Numbers over seventy scare me.
- 5) I couldn't see anyone else's paper from where I sat.
- 6) My mom washed the jeans I wrote the cheat notes on.
- 7) There were obviously many ways to interpret each question.
- 8) I didn't want to make everybody else look stupid.
- 9) I was suffering from temporary amnesia.
- 10) I've already been accepted to college and don't care anymore.



TOP TEN PEOPLE WE CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF

- 1) Larry "Bud" Mellman
- 2) Bartles and James
- 3) The Noid
- 4) Paul Schafer
- 5) Larry, his brother Daryl,
and his other brother Daryl
- 6) Stephen Wright
- 7) Pee Wee Herman
- 8) ALF
- 9) Bob Newhart
- 10) Arlo Lassen

TOP TEN PEOPLE WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF

- 1) Tommy Van Scoy
- 2) The Snuggle Bear
- 3) Valette & Valette
- 4) The Banner Toilet Paper
Roll
- 5) Florence Henderson
- 6) Greg and Maycay
- 7) The Honeynut Cheerios
Bee
- 8) Audra Lee
- 9) Mikey
- 10) Highway Patrolmen

TOP TEN FAVORITE WAYS TO PASS TIME DURING CLASS

- 1) Seeing how many curse words you can make out
of the letter combinations on the Periodic Table.
- 2) Doing an experiment to find the psychological
effects of letting loose a 30 foot python in class.
- 3) Recreating da Vinci's Mona Lisa on your desk.
- 4) Reflecting light from the window off your watch
and on to the teacher's forehead.
- 5) Reciting Ed McMahon insurance commercials.
- 6) Tying all your favorite Boy Scout knots in your
shoelaces.
- 7) Try to make everyone around you yawn.
- 8) Play Willam Tell with rubber bands.
- 9) Try to make yourself sneeze.
- 10) Making up Top Ten lists.

LATE NITE TOP TEN LISTS

WITH APOLOGIES TO DAVID LETTERMAN



enjoying a favorite teacher
astime, Ms. Wiggins gives
ore students more reasons
worry. (S. Craven)

Each day, the Attendance
Office becomes the center for
creative lying and deception:
the stuff excuses are made of.
(S. Craven)

While surveying the parking lot, people can see a large assortment of cars including the not so popular school bus



After starting his car, Jay Muckenfuss decides it's time to adjust the heat.



After driving a school bus, Steve Thomas admits it's a good way of earning money.

Before leaving school, Rhonda Hopkins shares a few moments with Andre Walker.



80's Cars

BMW, Porsche, Fiero and Corvette are definitely cars of the 80's. Most people only dream of owning such luxury cars in their lifetimes. For many, these dreams were placed in the back of their minds well at least for the moment or until graduation.

For now most students settle for a car as long as it runs. Often cries like, "Mom, can I borrow the car keys?"

or "Dad I don't want to ride the bus," were heard throughout the year. Both guys and girls would like to own a sports car, but as one Junior said, "Any car for me will be great."

Most people agreed that cars have changed over the last twenty years. Cars have changed in looks and in speed, but all cars were built with one thought in mind to make life easier for the teen-ager!

Before leaving the school parking lot, Kim Clayton and Shannon Riley take time to check the radio channel.

Invisible Help

Although many students did not notice the workers who were responsible for all of us indirectly, they were quick to realize the results of their hard work in our well-prepared meals and our superior financial standing. Since many of us

did not take frequent visits to the kitchen or office, we weren't able to observe the everyday tasks required of these workers. Nevertheless, we were all thankful for their work, for we realized many of us couldn't do without them.



Realizing she has a few minutes of spare time, Mrs. Lundy breathes a sigh of relief. (D. Elliott)



Making sure all the daily revenue is there, Sarah Counts makes no mistakes in her calculations. (D. Elliott)



Cafeteria workers: Front Row: Elora Cook, Virginia Robertson, Pearl Sanford. Back Row: Sara Counts, Rhelda Cook, Barbara Robertson, Lilia Johnson, Sharon Finch, Gail Brewer. (M. Hodgins)



Searching for the right word, Mrs. Wrike patiently tackles her paperwork. (D. Elliott)



OUTSTANDING

Each year at Ragsdale, fifteen members of the senior class are elected by their peers to become Outstanding Seniors. This honor was awarded to students who achieved academically or athletically, or had served their school or community.

This year, many Outstanding Seniors served in many of the same organizations. Most were

members of Beta Club, with **Doug Elliott** serving as President. **Matt Frantz**, **Ashli Welborn**, **Misty Peoples**, **Ashley Stone**, **Craig Putnam**, **Frank Norton**, and **Doug Elliott** were all members of the National Honor Society, of which **Amber Marsh** was VP. **Craig Putnam** and **Amber Marsh** served as French Club VP and President; **Matt Frantz**, **Ashli Welborn**,

Misty Peoples, and **Ashley Stone**, and **Doug Elliott** were members.

Furthermore, **Misty Peoples**, **Ashli Welborn**, and **Frantz** were honored as members of the French National Honor Society. **Krista Elliott** was President of the Spanish Club and a member of the Juniorettes, of which **Sharon Horner** was P. **Craig Putnam** served as President of the FCA; **Frank**

Norton was a member

While **Sharon Horner**, **Matt Frantz**, and **Misty Peoples** served faithfully on the Student Council, **Ashley Stone** distinguished herself as yearbook editor.

Many Outstanding Seniors chose the athletic route. **Amber Marsh**, **Craig Putnam**, and **Kelly York** excelled in basketball, and **Putnam**, **Kirk Rayborn**



SENIORS

Outstanding Seniors: Amber Marsh, Misty Peoples, Buz Knox, Ashli Welborn, Scott Rhodes, Kirk Raybon, Doug Elliott, Krista Elliott, Matt Frantz, Ashley Stone, Sharon Horner. Not pictured: Kelly York, Frank Norton, Craig Putnam (Scott Craven)

and Frank Norton as captain played on this year's football team. Also, Raybon wrestled as captain and Norton ran track. To round out the athletes, Misty Peoples and Ashley Stone were cheerleaders.

As senior class representatives, Sharon, Horner, Misty Peoples, and Krista Elliott were honored at a Homecoming ceremony emceed by Doug Elliott and

Ashli Welborn. Craig Putnam and **Scott Rhodes** achieved fame in Rhythm and Rhapsody.

Some students travelled abroad to make their mark. Amber Marsh attended Presidential Classroom and was a Friendship Force Ambassador to Holland and West Germany. Ashley Stone acted as an exchange student to France.

Special honors for the seniors included a DAR award for Misty Peoples and Craig Putnam was selected for the NC Honors Chorus.

Some students went even farther to indulge in the unusual. For instance, Kirk Raybon was involved in State Youth Legislative Assembly, and Amber Marsh was a member of the NC Museum of History Associates. Misty

Peoples taught French to elementary school students, and Ashley Stone taught dance classes. Craig Putnam was selected to attend NC Governor's School, and Scott Rhodes donated his time to a band.

Though each senior had his own way of being outstanding, they had one thing in common: they all stood out at Ragsdale.

LENDING A HAND . . .



Helping out around the house or in the yard became part of the normal routine for some of the students. After school and on weekends were usually the only times when students had that extra time to lend a helping hand with the chores. Most students were kept busy throughout the whole school year, but several still found time to help out at

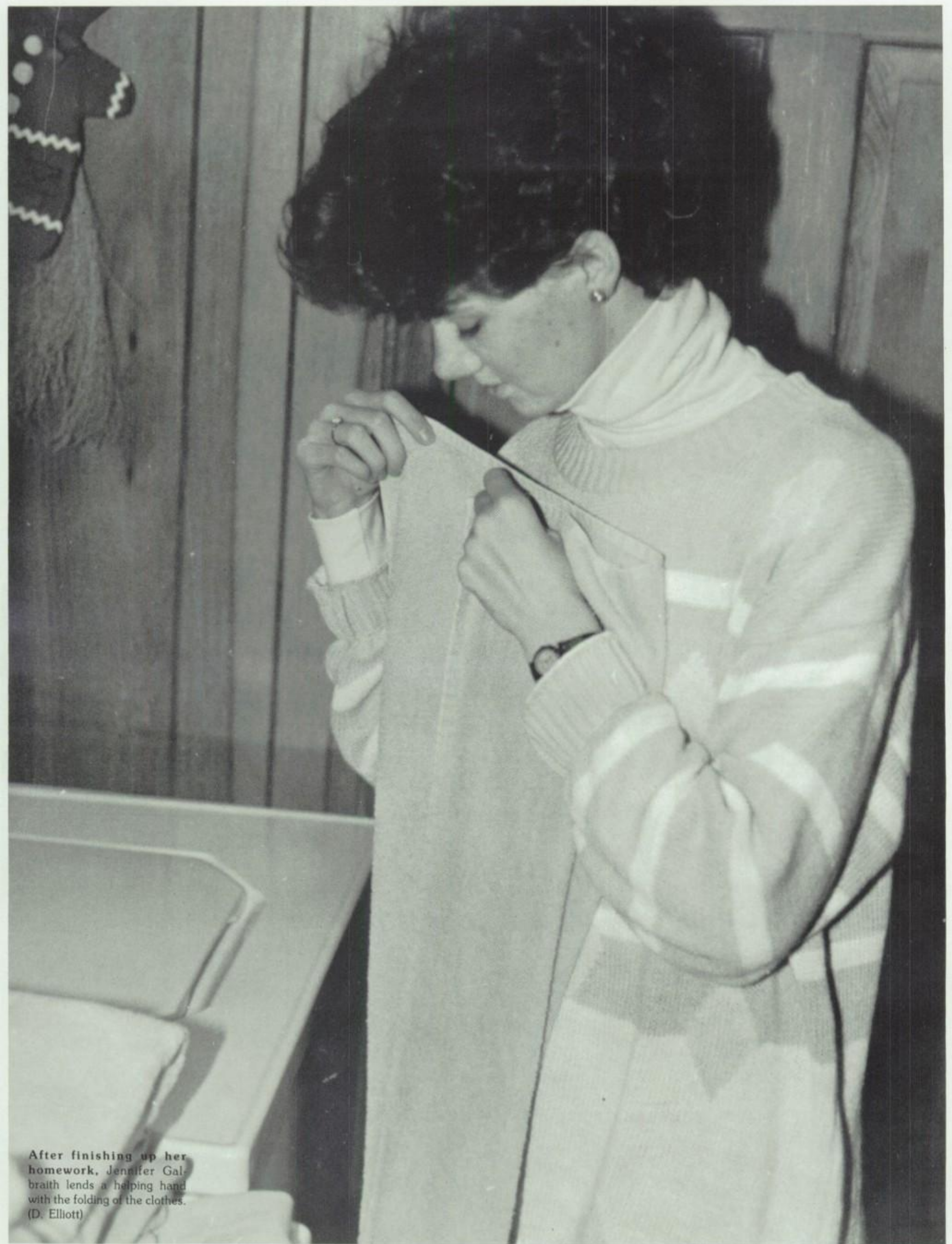
home.

Many of those everyday chores included: helping in the yard, running errands, cleaning up, washing the car, washing clothes, and of course helping Mom in the kitchen! That was in addition to the homework, sports activities, different clubs, and part-time jobs which many students also included in their weekly schedules.

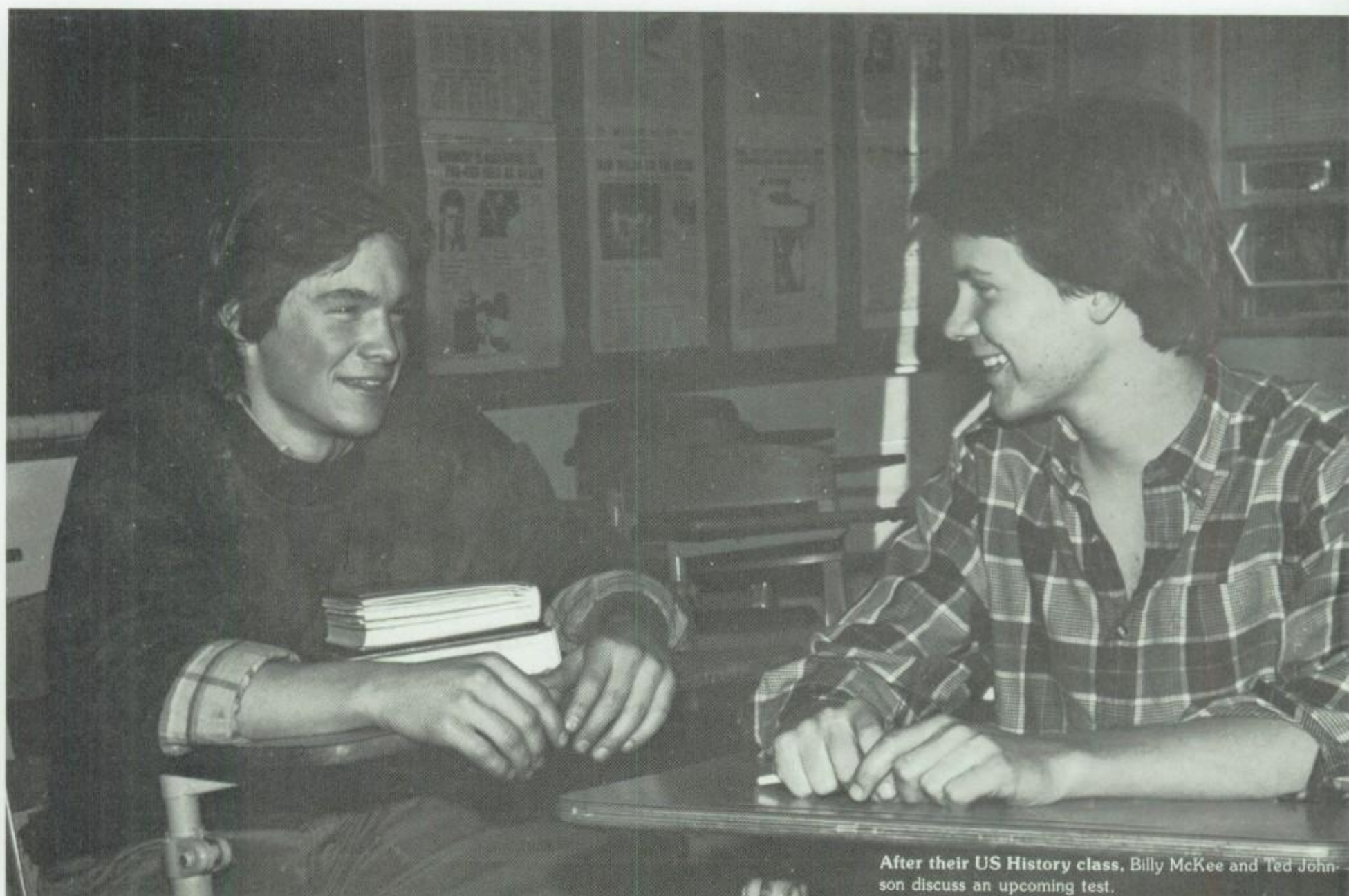
Taking time out from her busy schedule of cheering and dancing, Ashley Stone washes her car before leaving for dance class. (S. Craven)

Working around his sports activities and homework, Chris Killian still finds time on weekends to help with the yard. (D. Elliott)





After finishing up her homework, Jennifer Galbraith lends a helping hand with the folding of the clothes. (D. Elliott)



After their US History class, Billy McKee and Ted Johnson discuss an upcoming test.

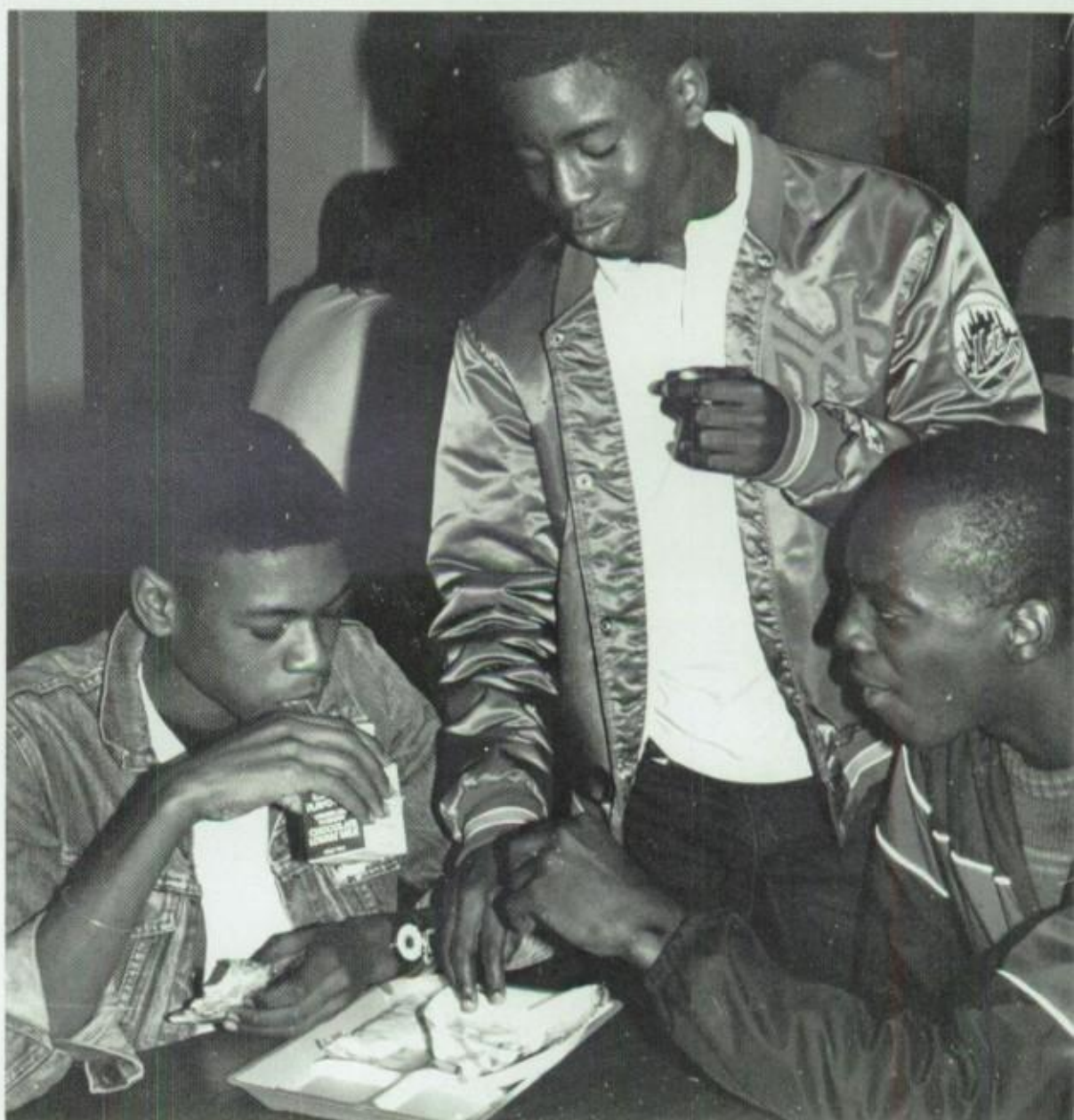
Mis Amigos

A migos, amis, or just friends, it's all the same. Friends make school and life a lot easier to survive at times. What do people look for in a friend? Most look for trust, concern, and being there when they are needed.

What is the difference between what a guy and girl want from a friend? A sophomore boy commented that he looked for someone who was fun to hang around

with and had a good sense of humor. A junior girl said, "I want a friend who is dependable, trustable, and who will listen when I need them." Guys and girls want basically the same in a friend, both want to know that his or her friend cares.

Without friends life would not be as exciting or demanding. Thanks to all the friends at Ragsdale another year went by, out of the blue!



While at lunch, these guys find time to talk while sharing lunch.

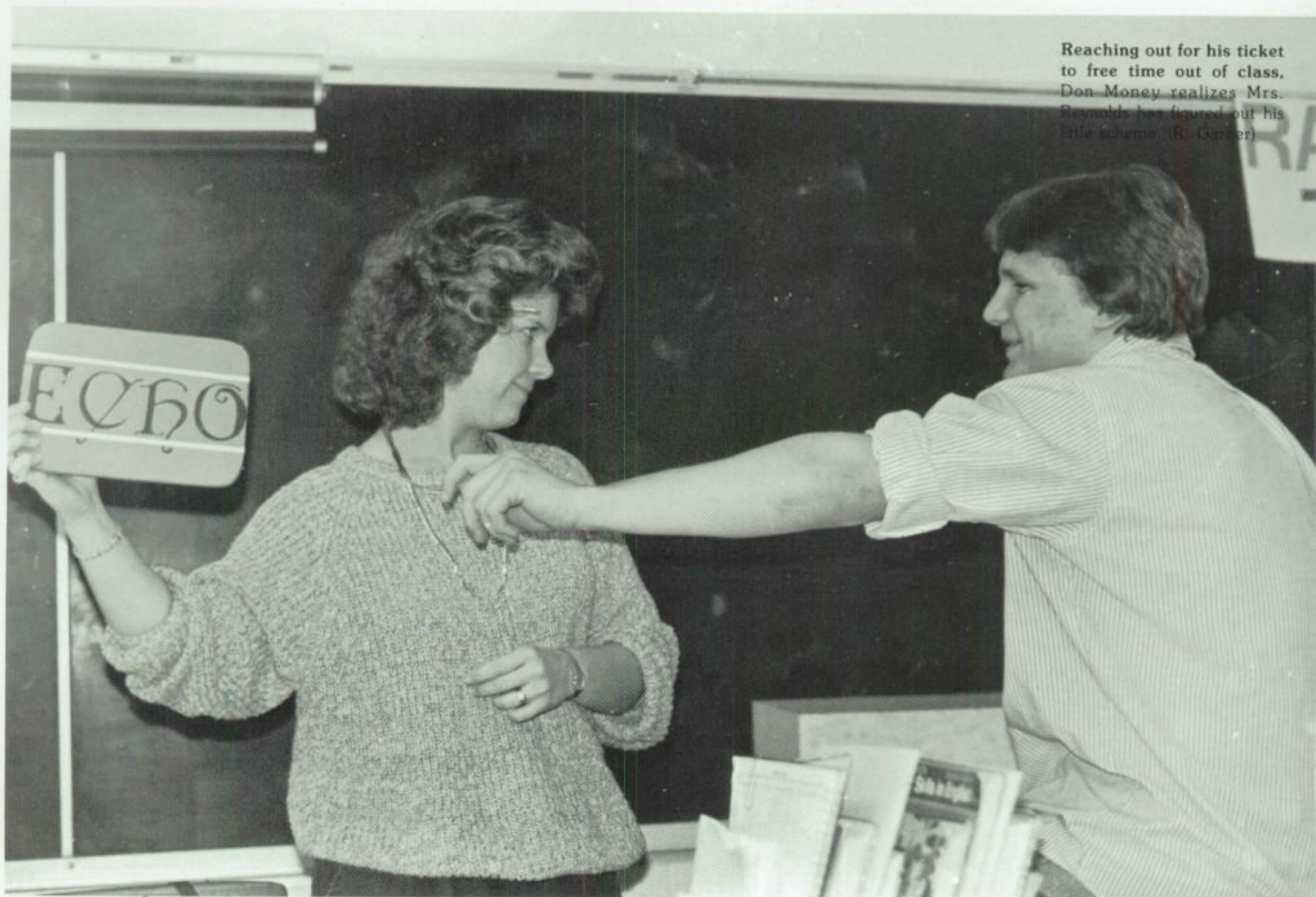


During the lunch break, these students learn that life's more than teachers and books.



While taking a much needed break in the Commons, Don Money shares a laugh with some friends.

Reaching out for his ticket to free time out of class, Don Money realizes Mrs. Reynolds has figured out his little scheme. (R. Garber)



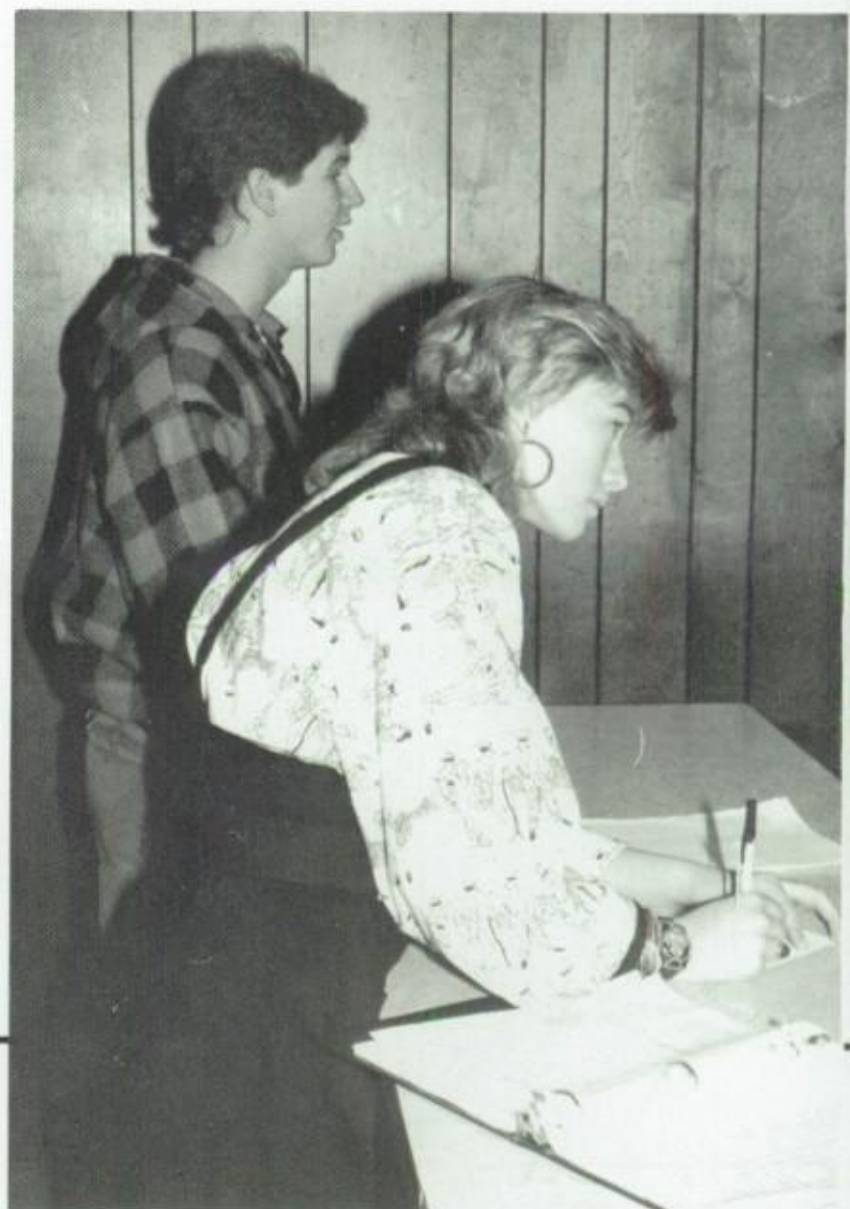
Excuses, Excuses

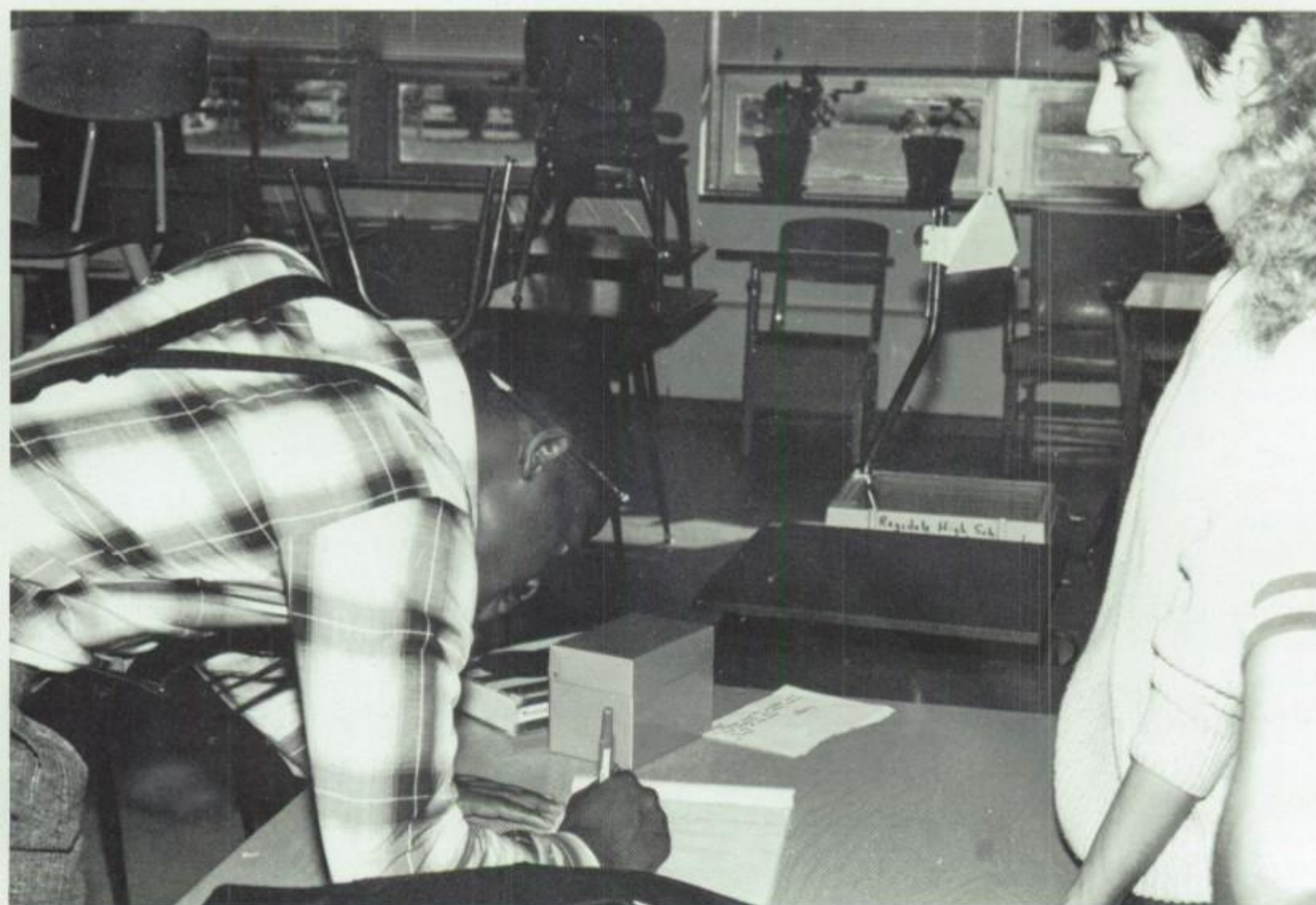
Excuses, whether large or small, important or unimportant all changed the patterns of our everyday lives. Many of us found excuses for being sick, late, or absent, getting out of class, leaving school early, or not be-

ing able to stay for detention hall. Sometimes these explanations were accepted and sometimes they weren't. With the addition of detention hall, some students realized that they couldn't be late as much and that more new ex-

cuses would have to be made. Regardless of the reasons, all of us had to deal with trying to explain our situations in the form of sometimes ridiculous and witty excuses.

Arranging to go home early, Maria Kinley finds the process to be long and tiring. (S. Craven)





Helping out in detention hall, Mrs. Dalton sees yet another excuse given. (S. Craven)

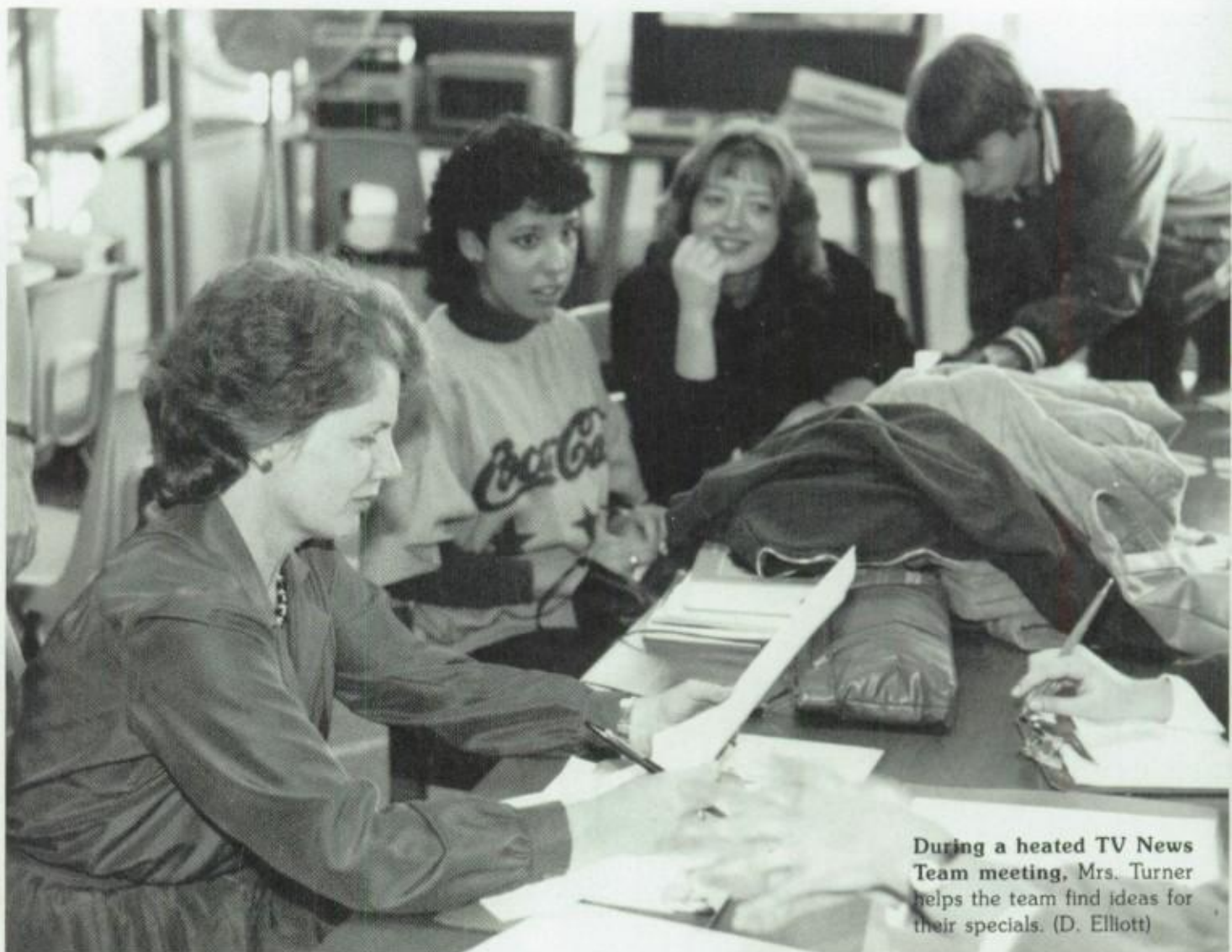


Peering out the hallway, Mike Money takes his time in running an errand. (R. Garner)

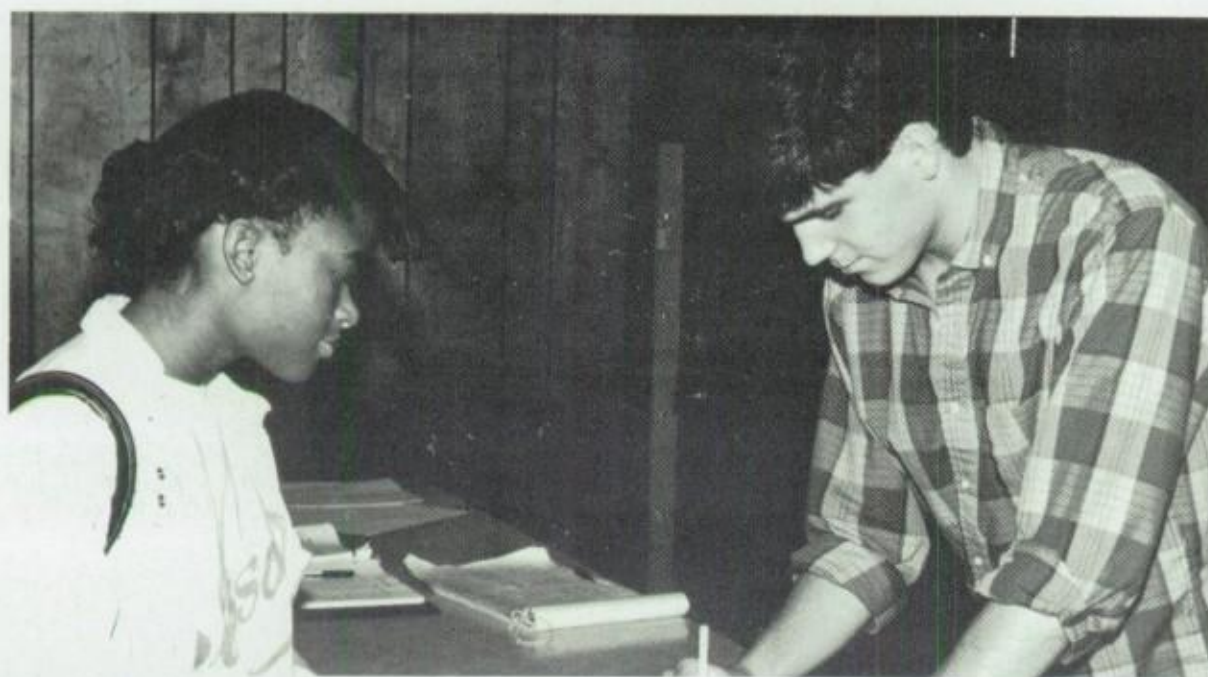
ON THE SIDE

Several students chose to pursue some of their extra-curricular activities during school hours — guidance and attendance helpers could list their service on their transcript. Duties included helping to pass out attendance sheets for the attendance helpers and for the guidance helpers fetching students. Both ran errands and filed schedule cards one period each day.

Other students tried their hand at videojournalism in the form of anchoring or camera work. Under the supervision of Ms. Turner, students produced their own broadcast, "Ragsdale Rumors", each Friday. "Rumors" was a collection of specials produced by news team members on various aspects of Ragsdale students, sports, and special activities.



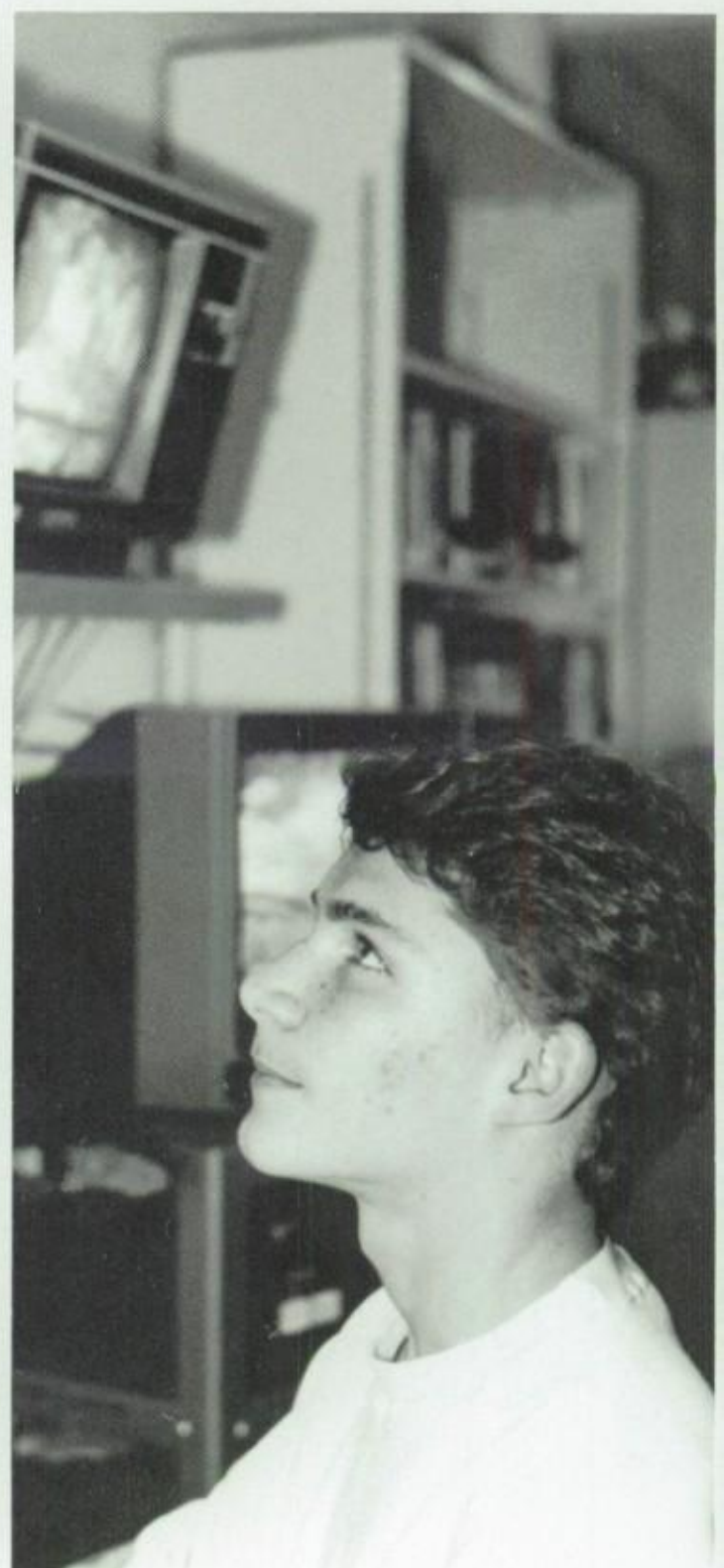
During a heated TV News Team meeting, Mrs. Turner helps the team find ideas for their specials. (D. Elliott)



Checking students in is just one of Brent Jackson's duties as an attendance helper. (S. Craven)

Reviewing their notes, Eilen Belk and Kim Voltz prepare for another exciting edition of "Ragsdale Rumors". (D. Elliott)

Before the show goes on the air, Jeff Lucas is put in charge of the final editing.

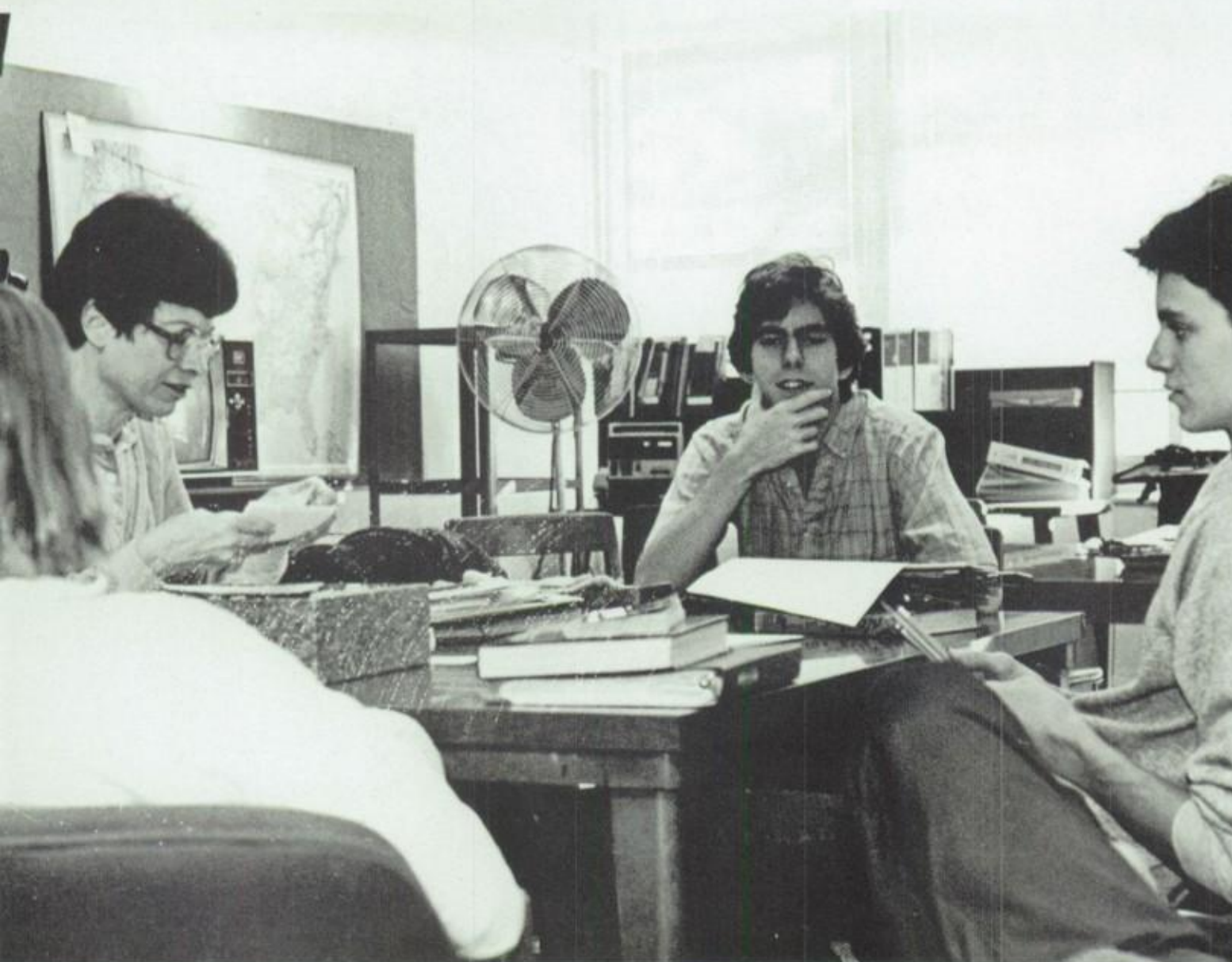




As a guidance slave, Sebo Ragsdale gets to indulge in such pleasures as copying and answering the phone. (D. Elliott)



Being "behind the scenes" isn't all fun; the job of cameraman really involves a lot of time. (D. Elliott)



The strength behind this year's High IQ Team, Miles Layton ponders the answer to yet another challenging question. (D. Elliott)

The Wild and the Young

Students always found ways to enjoy themselves at sporting events whether they were mocking their opponent's cheerleaders, screaming those wild cheers, forming human pyramids, aiding the cheerleaders, or just plain yelling support for our teams. One could always find amusement at these events by watching the crazy antics of the cheering fans. The

chants, which went on throughout most entire games, were creations of the master-minded fans. Some of the most famous chants were the "UGLY" chant, the new "Ding Dong" chant, and the ever-popular "We are Ragsdale" cheer. Whatever the occasion or fan antic, the students added excitement and fun in enjoying an important part of their life.



Reacting to a spectacular play on the court, these fans go crazy and cheer wildly. (M. Hodgin)



Finding the wall full of banners more interesting than the opponent's cheerleaders, many students turn their backs on their jobs. (S. Craven)

Realizing life as a cheerleader is not so easy, these students struggle to form a pyramid. (M. Hodgin)

LIFE AFTER 2:40. What Then?

The old saying that students come to life after the last bell rings has been proven from both past and present generations of Ragsdale students. Both present and former students spent countless hours after school just hanging out enjoying their various hobbies. Many played an instrument, some worked on the car or a job, and a few went home and watched TV until time to once again do homework.

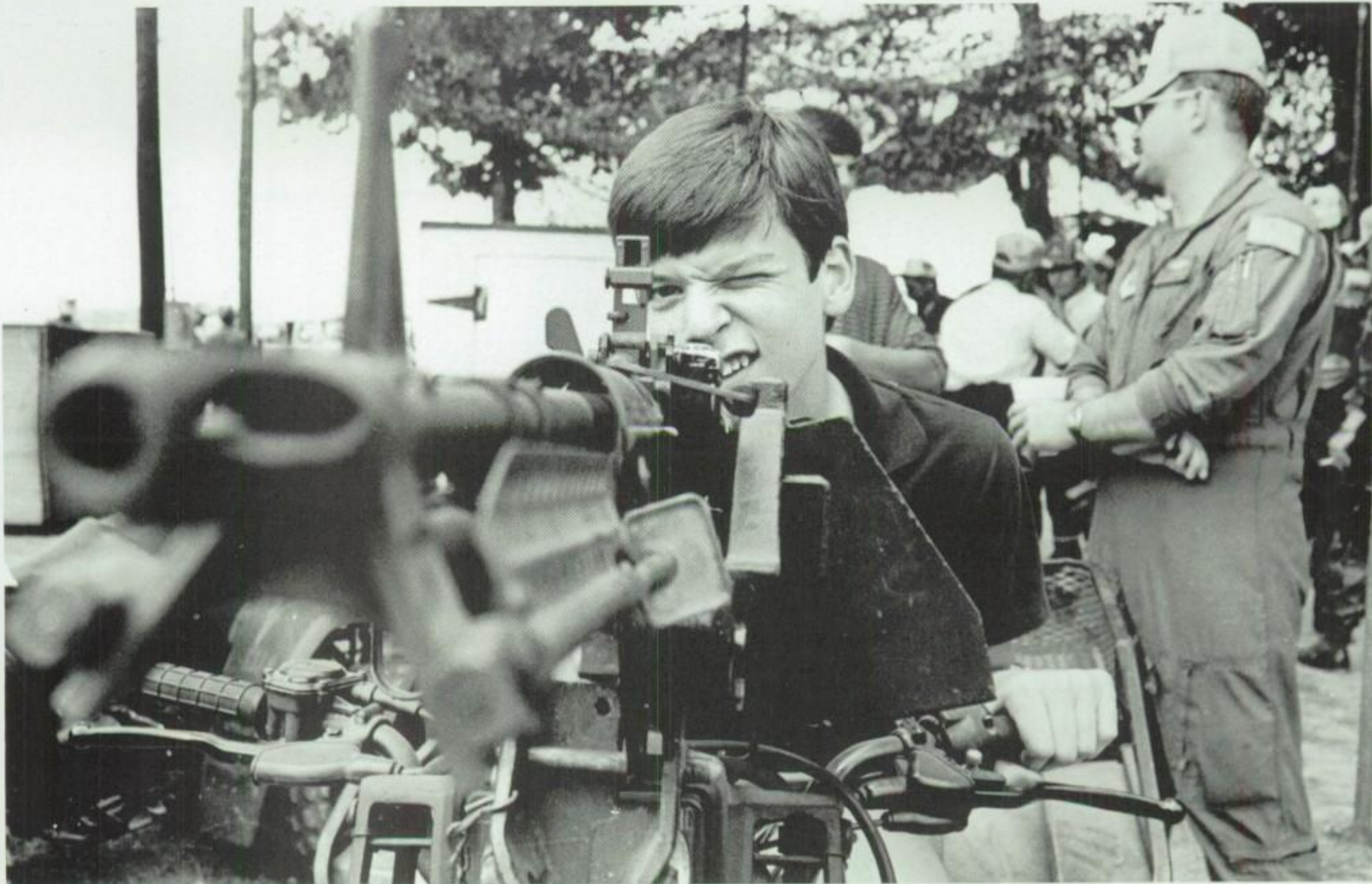
Many students had a variety of hobbies and interests such as: water skiing, horseback riding, swimming, and model building. Often this is how they spent

Before going hunting, Brian Flinchum reloads shells.

their free time. These are the times that make life enjoyable and often there are few occasions where students have large amounts of free time. One student was asked how much free time he has in a week. He replied, "Little, because of school, homework and a job, it is difficult to find much free time. When I do have time I enjoy being with friends and just watching TV."

The hobbies are much the same and the way free time is spent has changed some, but both past and present students made another year go by — Out of the Blue!!

While at Civil Air Patrol, Brian Thacker learns Air Force techniques. (M. Hodgins)





While at the Boys' and Girls' Club, Renee Godwin spends her afternoons reading to the kids. (E. Dove)



Before starting his homework, Jeff Hodgins practices his bass guitar. (E. Dove)



While enjoying a break after eating lunch, Beth Beisner chats with a friend. (S. Craven)



Listening to someone talk about their wild weekend, Tyler Hunter and Mark Gailey are amused. (S. Craven)



Portraying a prime example of self-personalized art work, these shoes can be seen in any classroom. (S. Carven)

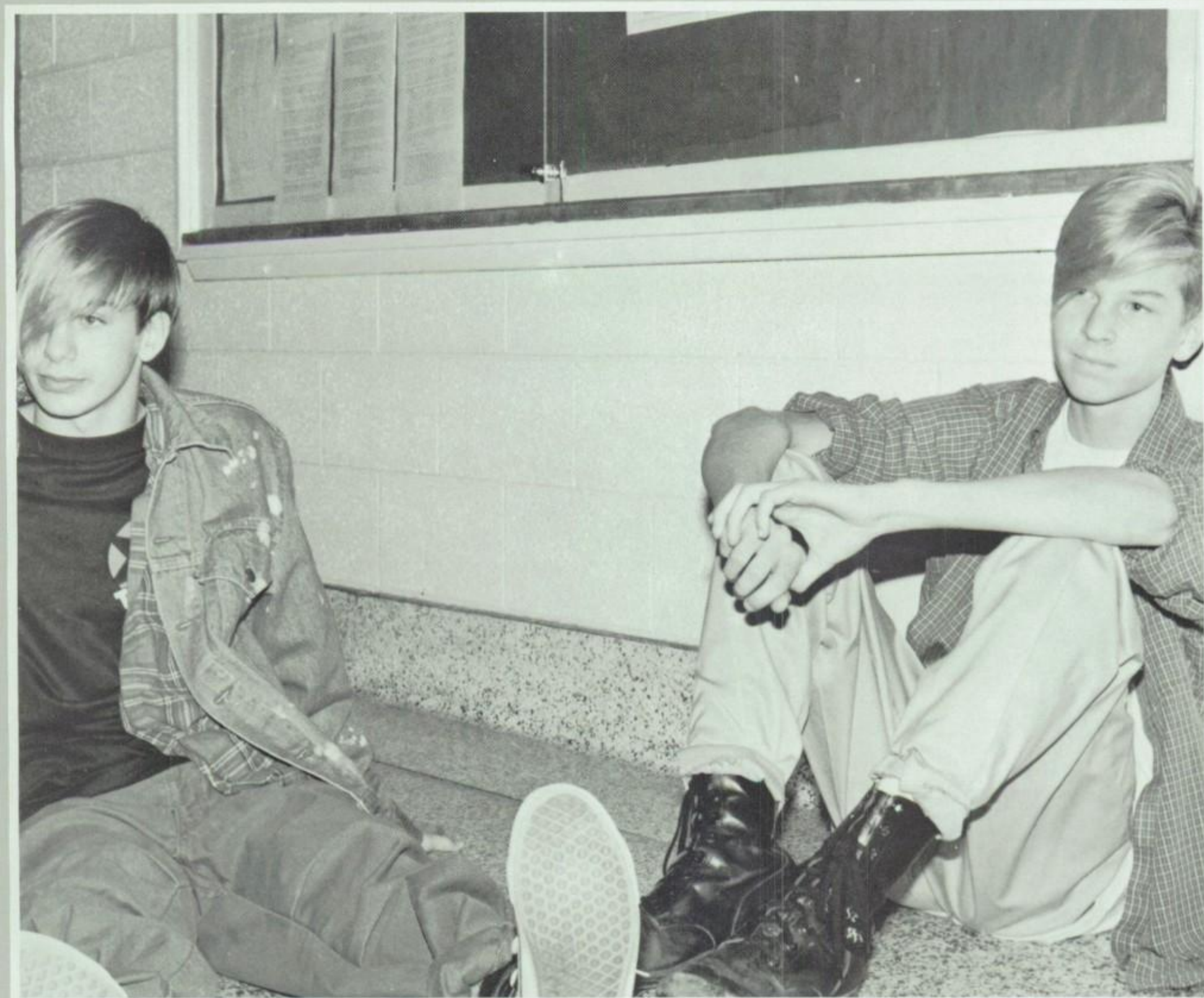
Fashions

A mong the students at Ragsdale this year, there were a lot of different fads and fashions coming out. One of the biggest style trends were the "skate rats." They could be recognized by the unbuttoned shirts with T-shirts on underneath, their stylish loose pants and boots, or either tennis shoes with

writing all over them. Of course, the first sure sign of a "skate rat" was the hair hanging down over the eyes. Other known styles included the untucked shirts and long sweaters with faded jeans, or the punk hairstyles. But whatever the style or fashion, these clothing trends just started coming "Out of the Blue!"



Displaying his unique hairstyle, Tony Nguyen shows how he stays up with the new fashions. (S. Craven)

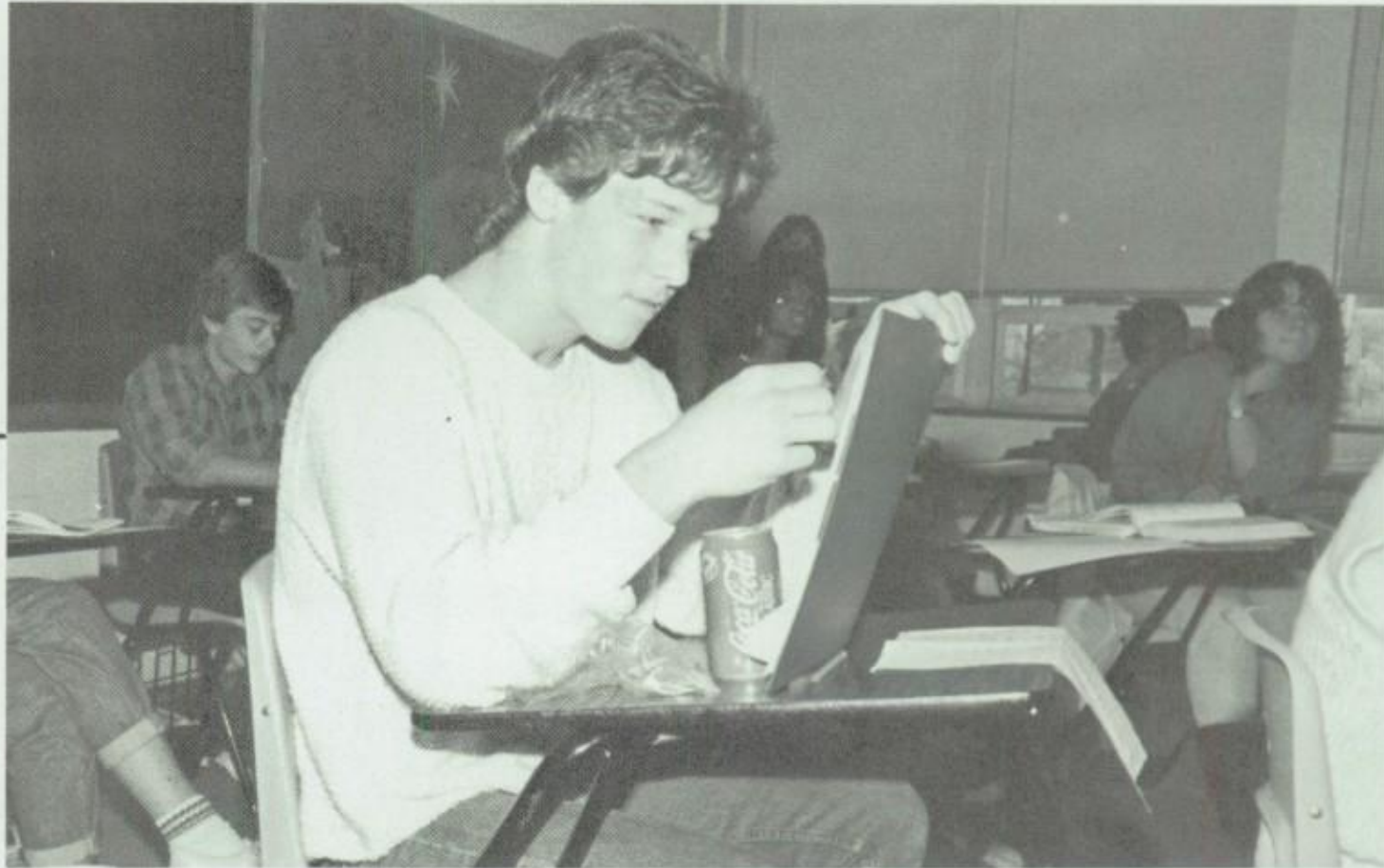


Unfortunately for students and teacher, detention hall has become an essential part of a student's week — or day. (D. Elliott)



With no break, students had to come up with original ways to sneak in their daily caffeine dosage. (M. Hodgin)

Now that students have to be at school at 8:10, many are forced to forsake essential morning sleep. (M. Hodgin)



SHAMS AND DO-WRONGS

Even during the best of years, a few things always manage to go wrong. A lot of mishaps this year could be attributed to the schedule change. Students were doomed to suffer through the day with no homeroom or break. Also, for the second year in a row, the football team was shammed after a committee ruled the team ineligible for play just prior to the tournament. To top it all off, weary students had

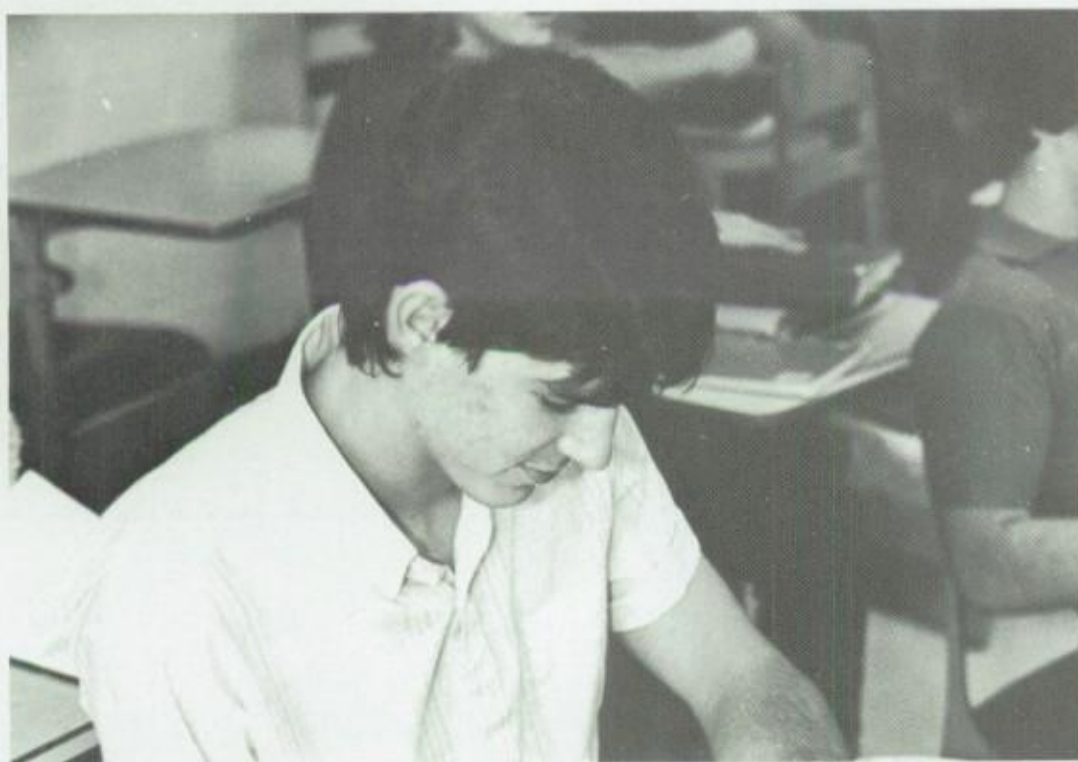
to endure detention hall just for being late to class. Of course, Ragsdale students had ways of fighting back. They coped with no homeroom by doing extra homework during classes, and snuck food and drink into sixth period to make it through a breakless day. And as for the football sham, students maintained school spirit, wearing shirts boasting the **real** 2A champs.



Discovering that some people can be cruel, Wendy Edwards faces the age-old getting left sham. (D. Elliott)

OUT OF THE BLUE

Experimenting with a new computer, Jeff Lucas prepares an English paper. (D. Elliott)



Baffled by an unfamiliar word, Chris Johnson searches for a definition. (D. Elliott)





Carefully measuring the tension of a spring,
Richard Garner completes a Physics lab. (D.
Elliott)

Academics

“Out of the Blue,” summer vacation came to an abrupt end and Ragsdale students were forced to adjust to a more demanding academic pace. In fact, many students found it difficult to adjust to the numerous schedule changes which were implemented this year. In order for school to end at 2:40, the school day began about thirty minutes earlier than in previous years and teachers were required to take their students to and from the cafeteria.

In addition to adjusting to a new schedule, a number of students had heavy course loads and were involved in extracurricular activities. In order to keep such busy schedules and make acceptable grades, a number of students found it necessary to learn to use their time more efficiently. Both Honors and Advanced-Placement courses were offered at Ragsdale for college-bound students who wished to be well-prepared. Also, many students gave up their Saturday mornings to take tests such as the SAT and the ACT, which are required by most colleges for admission.

COMING BACK

“Out of the Blue,” August 25th slipped up on Ragsdale High School students. The intensity of the heat made many people dread the beginning of school. Many new changes awaited the students. One such change was the new bell schedule which eliminated the 10-minute break between 5th and 6th periods.

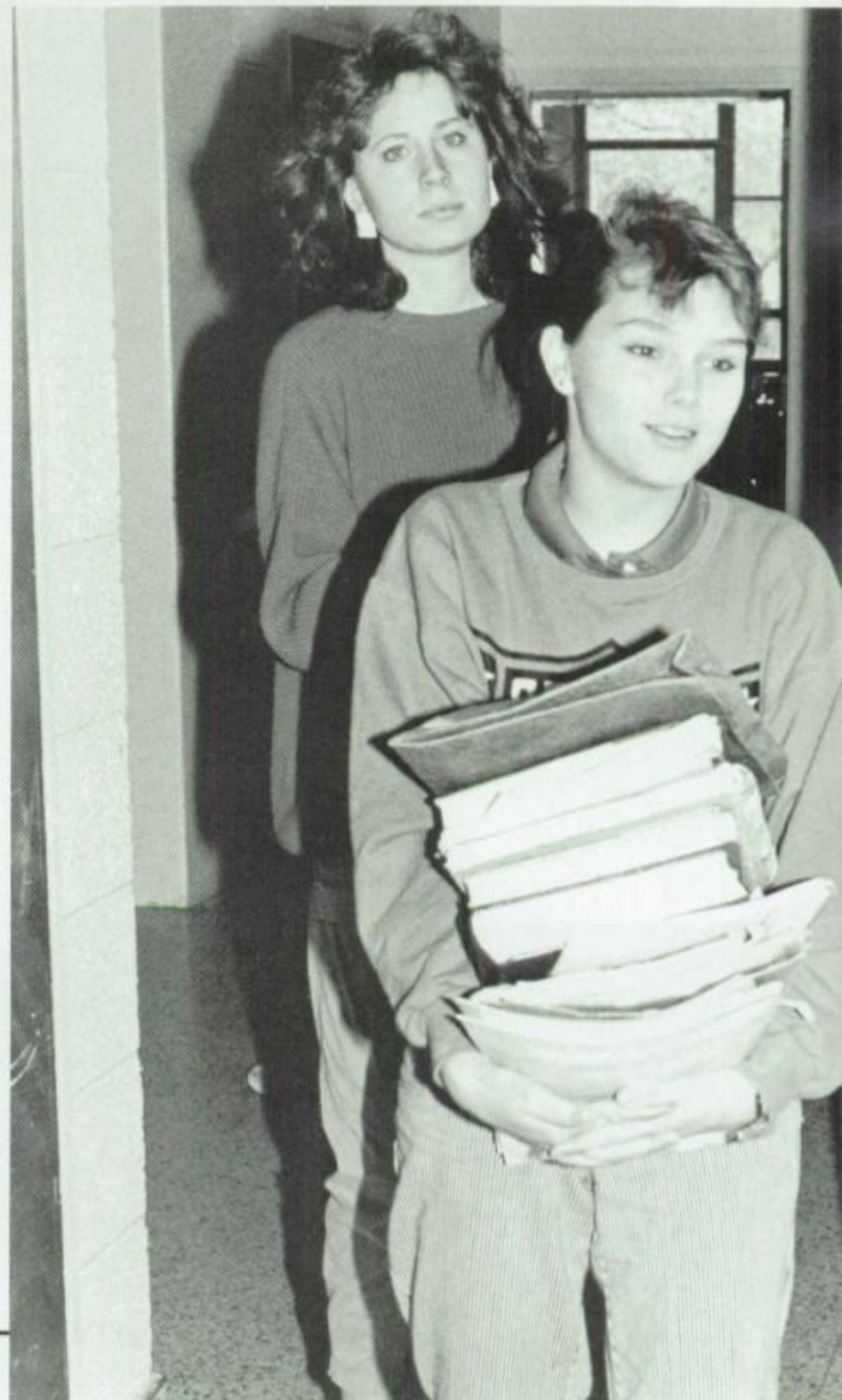
This elimination did not make many students happy; however, it was a necessary

change in order for school to end at 2:40. Another change was a lunch schedule in which classes went to lunch every three minutes. This change was necessary in shortening the long cafeteria lines. Despite the many changes that were made, students were glad to be back into the swing of things.

Cooling down, Sara Zeller tries to get comfortable in a hot classroom. (M. Hodgins)



Loaded down with books, Karen Titus leaves a classroom. (M. Hodgins)





Sitting with her head down, Karen Haele makes it through a tough class. (S. Craven)



Stalling for time, some students wait until the last minute to go inside. (D. Elliott)

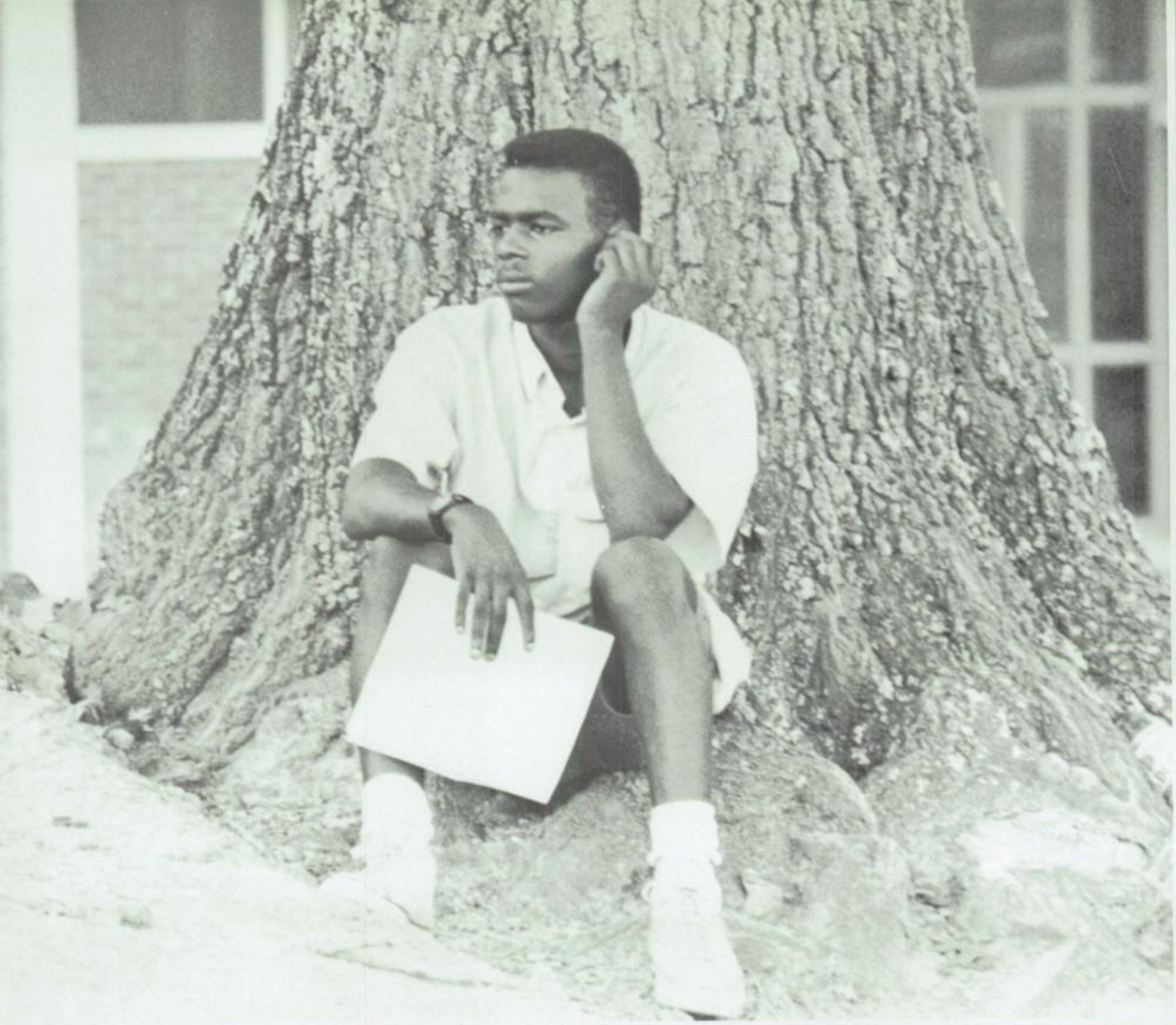
Asking questions, Ellen Belk receives help after school. (S. Craven)

Resting during lunch, Richard Moore relaxes in the courtyard. (S. Craven)



Getting some help, Susan Stone works on her homework. (D. Elliott)



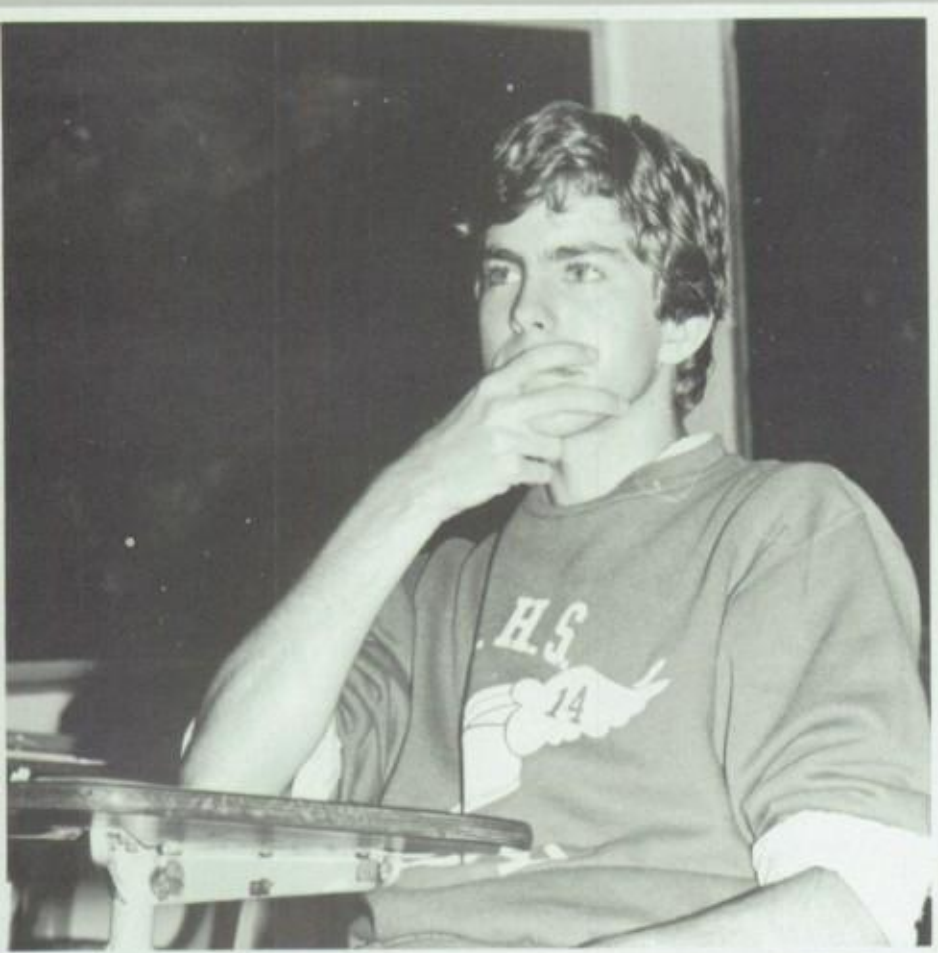


BRAIN STRAIN

Schoolwork! Out of the blue, freshmen found that studying was a good idea if they wanted to make respectable grades here at Ragsdale. Without a study hall, homework also tended to pile up. Even the most practical of students—even seniors—sometimes found themselves buried un-

der a mountain of schoolwork. Difficult classes prompted many students to stay after school in order to receive extra help from their teachers. Mornings after late-night study sessions were greeted with groans and bleary eyes. Then finally—the weekend!

Pondering a thought, Miles Layton stares into space. (S. Craven)



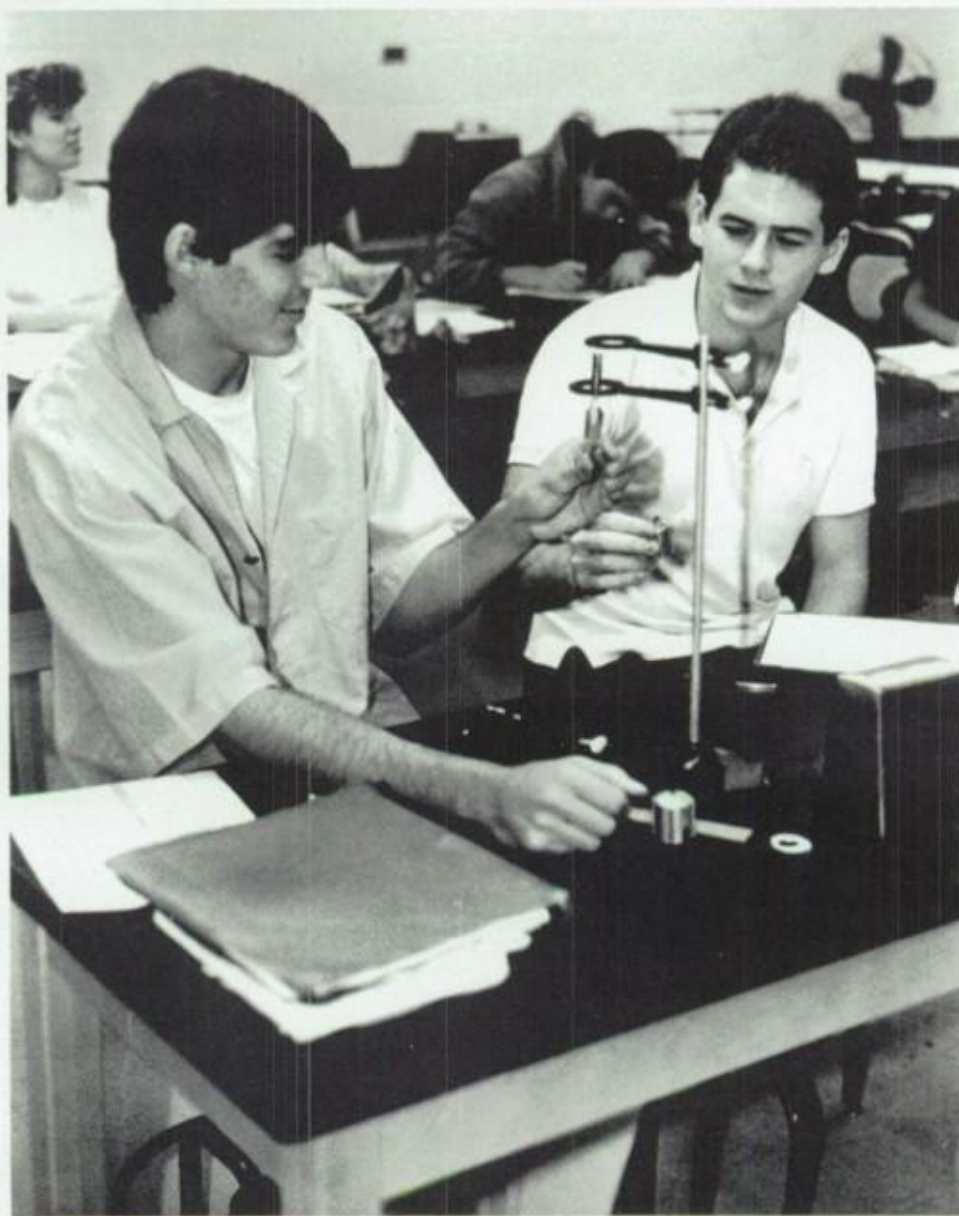


Doing a chemistry lab, Joelle Bell measures some water. (S. Craven)



Spinning a rubber stopper, Melissa Dewey counts to herself. (E. Dove)

Working hard, Chris Johnson and Larry Reynolds finish a lab. (D. Elliott)



SECME-front row: Tasha Clark, Ricky Schnyder, Marcia Clark, Scott Craven. second row: J. Muck-

enfuss, Karen Hafele, Tonya Bennett, Jeff Hodgins, Jennifer Galbraith, Keith Moore, Mike Klima,

Christine Carty; third row: Kyra Moore, Patty Painter. (D. Elliott)

LABS!!!

Science labs were an often dreaded but extremely essential part of most of the science classes offered here at Ragsdale. Out of the blue, new lab tables and equipment appeared in the physics and chemistry classrooms. As a result, students had more opportunities than previous years to obtain hands-on experience in class. Most students seemed to enjoy the labs although the lab results were usually due the next day.

Band Members: Bottom row left to right: Christine Carty, Darla Webb, Cindy Kirkland, Brian Johnson, Harrison Curtis, Rodney Nesbitt, Jeff Boyles, Jason Minton, Chad Berry, Darius Bostic, Mike Myer, John Horville, Myra Ellis, Dawn Dennis. 2nd row: Kathleen Dyen, Karen Childress, Melissa Williamson, Tammy Super, Melissa Ciccone, Carmen Eaton, Lisa Westbrook, Stacey Gilbreath, Freda Waters, Lynn Moser, Yolanda Washington, Charisse Collins, Kim Sloop, Sandy Painter, Corin Epeckhord, Kim Baynes, Gretchen Prochaska, Jeff Siesent, Michele Crumpler, Sue Sloop, Paul Kirkland, Mickey McIntyre, Mike Ellis, Julie Bell. 3rd row: J.J. Aingsley, Chris Williams, Chris Robinson, Brian Willard, David Lancaster, Alan Wyatt, Kenan Galsgow, Brian Coward, Nick Rini, Tommie Rhoten, Mike Thompson, Patty Painter, Blue Murrow, Chris Adams, Nevin Western, Bart Ortiz, Mike Matson, Tonya Parson, Chris Glover, Eddie Stokes, Ashley Morgan. 4th row: Diane Jones, Kearston Martine, Suzanne McNeill, Dee Riley, Jennifer Christian, Lisa Masso, Renee Mozoni, Dawn Pruden, Sara Douglas, Sandi Crafton, Wendy Moore, Anne Haney, Ashley Cook, Jonathan Haney, Dennis Sink, Kim Wyatt, Chris Prestridge, Monte Webb, Chris Constantini, Jimmy Wyatt, Adriane Austin. (S. Craven)

Flag Corps: back row left to right: Suzanne McNeill, Dee Riley, Dawn Pruden, Lisa Masso, Anne Haney. 2nd row: Diane Jones, Renee Mozoni, Ashley Cook, Jennifer Christian, Kearston Martine. 1st row: Wendy Moore, Sandi Crafton. (S. Craven)



Drum Majors: Jonathan Haney, Kim Wyatt, Dennis Sink. (S. Craven)

Rifle Corps: left to right: Dawn Dennis, Adrian Austin, 2nd row: Ashley Morgan, Julie Bell. (S. Craven)



Playing his first solo, sophomore Chris Glover enjoys exuberant cheers from the crowd. (S. Craven)



COMPETITION'S TOUGH!

Despite the decrease in number in the past year, the band has done exceptionally well this year. The band participated in numerous competitions. Bands from schools throughout the Southeast were represented at the various contests which Ragsdale's band attended. Thus, the competition was stiff. Ragsdale received the best scores at Ledford. There Ragsdale was given awards for best percussion and best majorette. The largest competition was Wake Forest.

There were over twenty bands there and they were broken down into three groups. Ragsdale's division was for relatively small

bands. Although it was raining and cold that day, Ragsdale received a rating of excellent.

Ragsdale's band was a "young" band this year because there were a lot of sophomores and freshmen who took an interest in becoming a band member.

The band has really worked hard this year. They have played during halftime at every home game and attended every away game where they played in the stands. During Homecoming, the band performed a special ceremony and played the march as they announced the attendants.



During a football game, Jason Minton and Jeff Boyles play on the field. (S. Craven)

Forming a perfect line, these four band members march during halftime. (S. Craven)

As Mr. Auman walks by, the horn line runs over the music one more time. (S. Craven)



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

This year Ragsdale's band really tried hard to be the best they could be. They practiced every day, except Wednesday, from six until eight. Even while performing at football games, the band strived to improve their marching skills as well as their playing abilities.

During the practices, the band went over the same routines just to make sure

they had everything perfect for competition. In addition to the hours of practice necessary to be successful in band, many students gave extra time to see that their band went to the extreme. Although the practices were long and repetitious, they really paid off in the end.

During practice, Chris Williams plays while moving in correct line form. (S. Craven)





Playing his drums, Jimmy Bell prepares for competition on Saturday. (S. Craven)

During practice, these band members perform a well constructed solo. (S. Craven)



Looking at her pictures, Laura Houseworth is pleased. (D. Elliott) — Working diligently, Miles Layton finishes his layout. (D. Elliott)



Newspaper Staff — front row: Miles Layton, Laura Houseworth, Stephen Thomas; second row: Jennifer Galbraith, Allen Williford, Lisa Kester, Mary Dixon, Donnie Maness, Janie Hunt, Cindy Mayo, Laura Campbell, Ellis Vancannon; third row: Scott Jagow. (D. Elliott)





STRIVING FOR PERFECTION

This year's school newspaper, the TIGER PROWL, literally has had a fresh start. All of the staff members were new to the class, except for Scott Jagow, Editor, and Mary Dixon, Business Manager. Mrs. Teer was once again

the advisor. The TIGER PROWL numbered six editions this year, including the much anticipated Christmas and Senior editions.

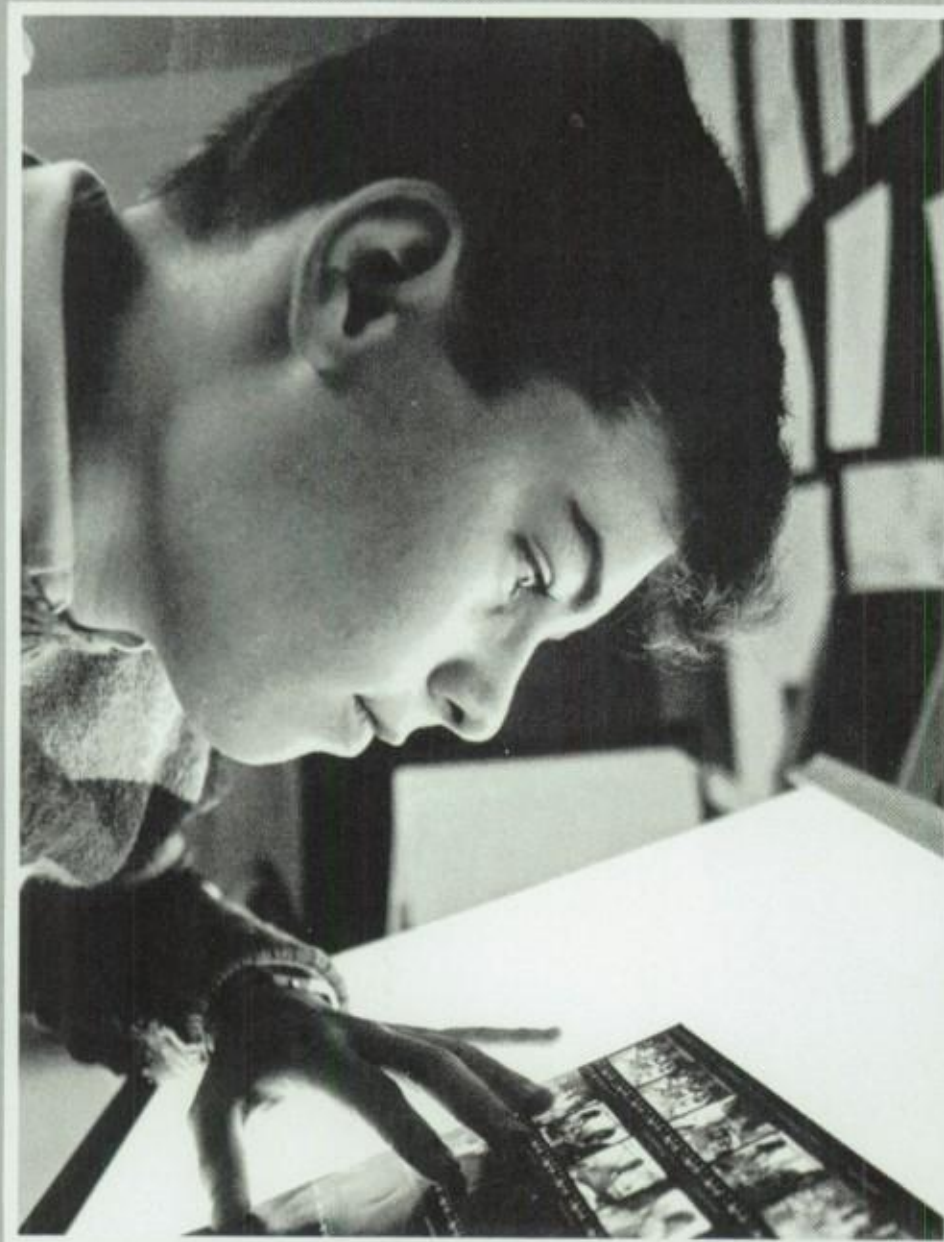
The newspaper featured a new format this year, most noticeably its smaller size and newsprint texture. The

staff prepared their layouts here at Ragsdale, but the actual newspaper was printed by Carter Publishing Company.

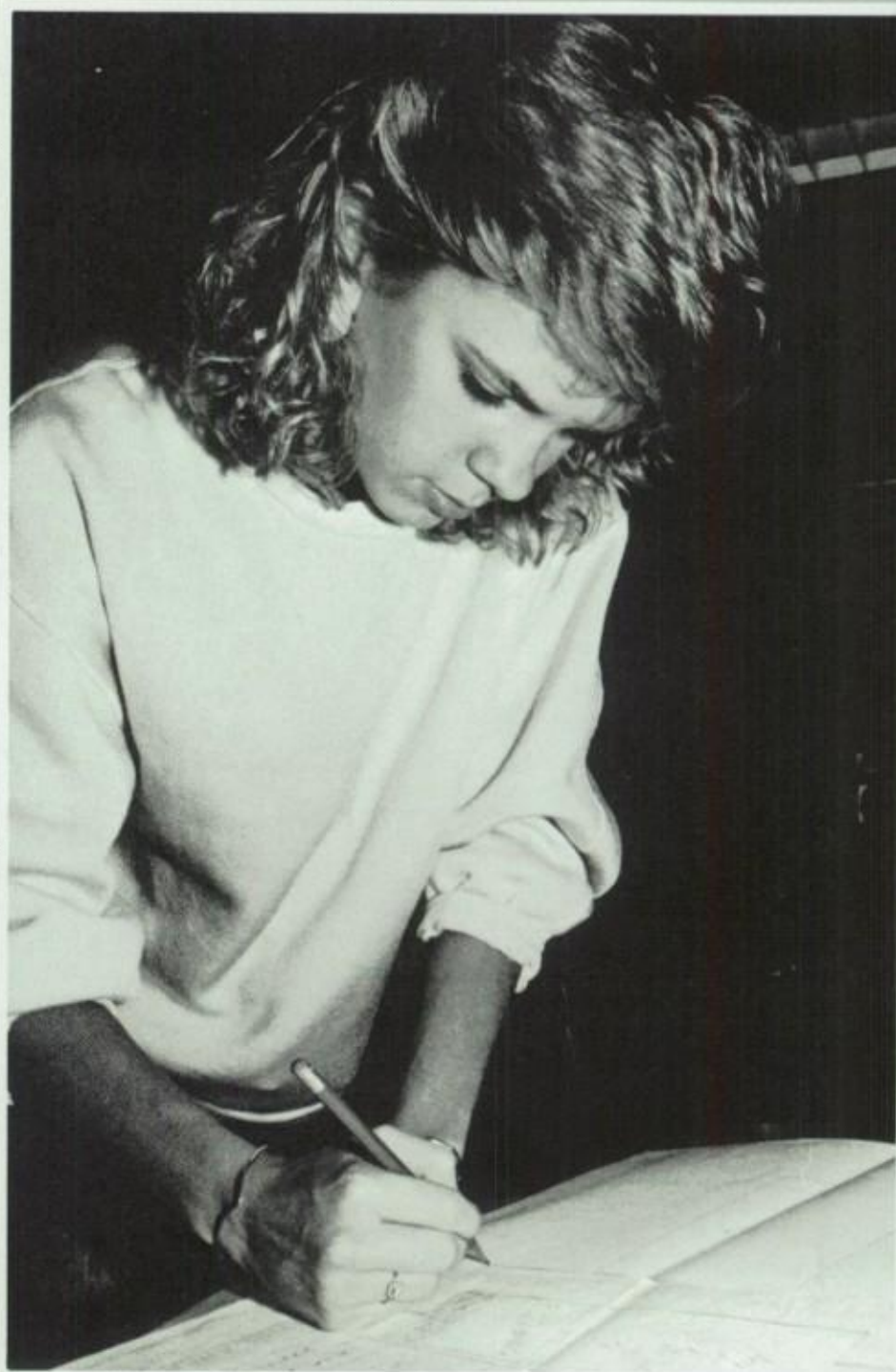
Commenting on the small size of the staff and the twelve new members, Editor Scott Jagow quipped,

"Although we had an inexperienced staff, I feel that we rose to the occasion in publishing a quality newspaper."

Examining a contact sheet, Michael Spivey selects a picture. (M. Hodgkin)



Finishing up, Michelle Chambers works to complete her layout. (M. Hodgkin)



OUT OF THE BLUE

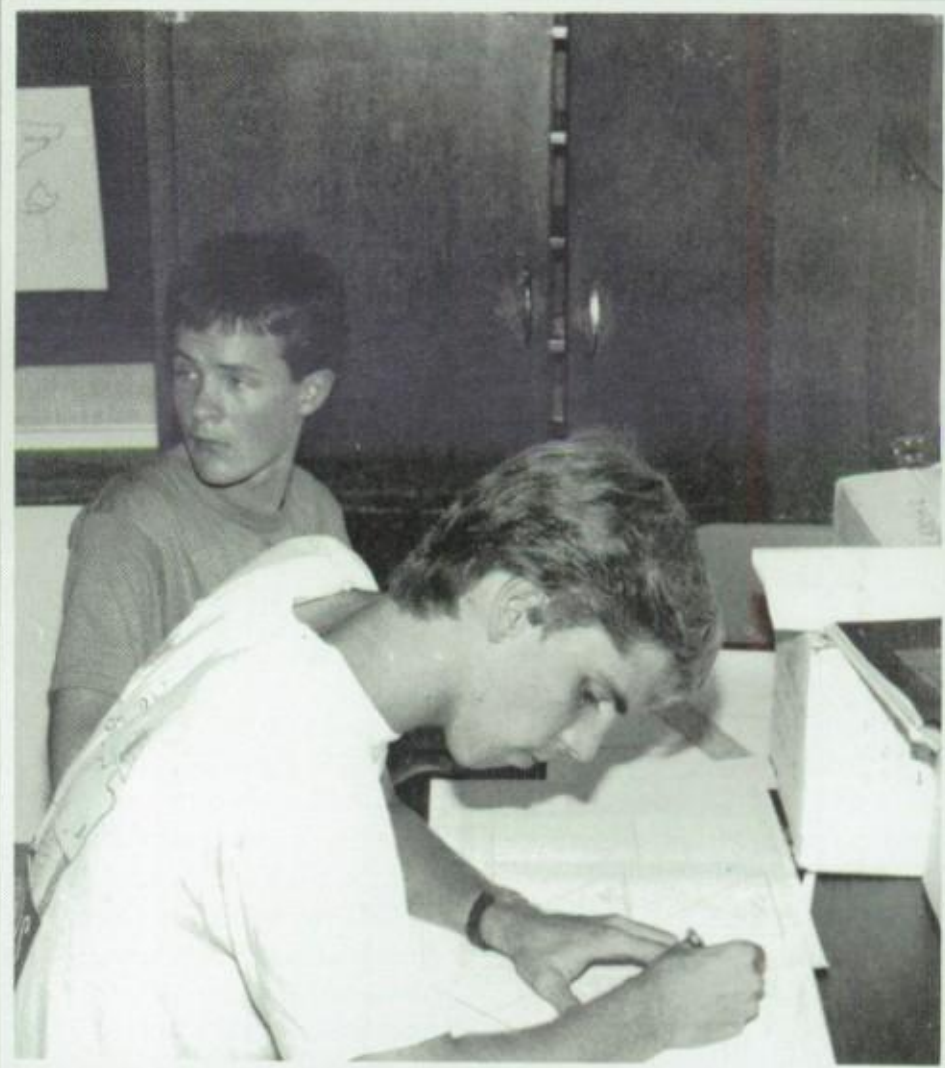
"Out of the blue!!!" This year's Ragsdale ECHO theme pertained to the element of surprise involved with the arrival of the new yearbook each spring. Ashley Stone was an extremely efficient Editor-in-Chief and Michael Spivey assisted in the roles of Co-Editor and Business Manager. Mrs. Reynolds was a very helpful and encouraging advisor.

The horror of ad assignments was greatly lessened this year by the addition of several new staff members for the sole purpose of sell-

ing advertisements. More photographers joined the staff this year also relieving some of the pressure normally faced at deadline time.

Everyone eagerly awaited the completion of the final deadline, for that meant rest and relaxation filled the remainder of the year. Finally, new staff members were chosen to replace the graduating senior members and ad assignments were once again distributed, marking the advent of another edition of the Ragsdale ECHO.

While Joe Parrish works hard, Scott Mann takes a break. (M. Hodgkin)





Yearbook Staff — front row: Mike Hodgkin, Mrs. Reynolds, Richard Garner, Tasha Clark, Scott Craven, Jeff Hodgkin, Ashley Eaton, Jennifer Faircloth; second row: Billy McKee, Michelle Chambers, Suzanne Harrington, Todd Nabors, Sharon Horner, Lori Bryant, Michelle Byrd; third row: Joe Parrish, Matt Bowman, Sandy Harrington, Melissa Dewey, Ashley Stone, Michael Spivey, Nili Singh, Eric Dove, Jeff Lucas, Mark Thacker, Doug Elliott; not pictured: Lisanne Dickson, Tammy Epting. (M. Hodgkin)



Acting as Editor, Ashley Stone instructs the new staff members. (M. Hodgkin)

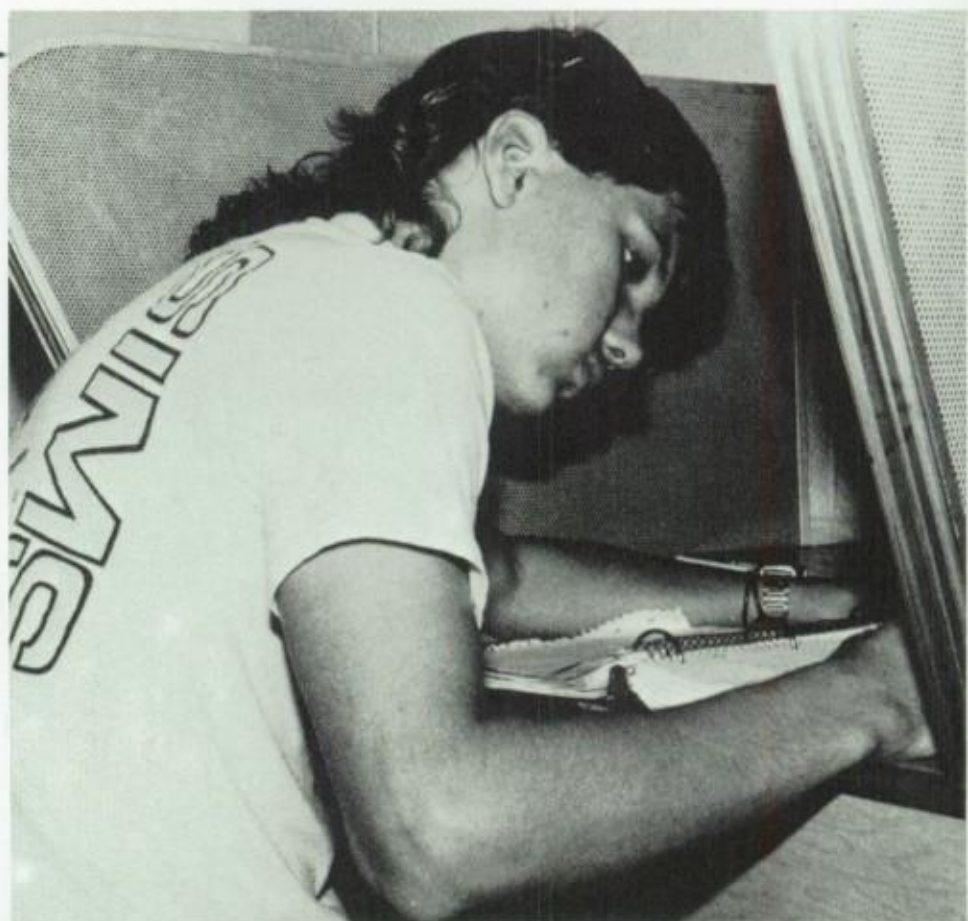
D. HALL

With hopes of discovering a more temporary means of disciplining students effectively, an after school detention hall was added to the existing A.L.C. program at Ragsdale.

Detention Hall, a relatively old system of punishment, was revived at Ragsdale in order to reduce tardies. A student who was late to class for the first time, received a warning. Any further tardies resulted in a mandatory assignment to detention hall. Students as-

signed to detention hall had the option of studying or cleaning for forty-five minutes after school.

Overall, detention hall proved to be somewhat less effective than A.L.C. A.L.C., which stands for Alternative Learning Center, was a more stiff and prolonged type of punishment than detention. In A.L.C., which lasted anywhere from a day to a week, students were required to do odd jobs as well as their assignments.



Working during her stay in A.L.C. this student sweeps the cafeteria floor. (M. Hodglin)

Suffering the consequences of repeated tardies, several students sit quietly in detention hall. (D. Elliott)

Using his time wisely, Marus Johnson completes an assignment during detention hall. (D. Elliott)



Looking over some notes, Walter Bilbro occupies himself while in A.L.C. (M. Hodgkin)

Searching for motivation, a group of students pause from their work during detention hall. (D. Elliott)



ACADEMIC NOTEBOOK

French Honor Society — First Row: Lisanne Dickson, Jay Muckenfuss, Patti Painter, Melissa Dewey, Tammy Trottier, Ashli Welborne, Misty Peoples. Second Row: Sandy Harrington, Nancy Oliphant, Lisa Kester, Todd Nabors. Third Row: Scott Mann, Matt Frantz, Chris Johnson. (R. Garner)



French Club: Susan Tuttle, Lisanne Dickson, Madame Wolf, Mike Gaily, Misty Peoples, Amber Marsh, Ashli Welborne, Lisa Kester, Tammy Trottier, Shelia Carty, Ashli Eaton, Lisa Horner, Margaret Johnson, Craig Putnam, Elizabeth Ayers, Tammy Epting, Nancy Oliphant, Monica McCall, Jay Muckenfuss, Amy Coward, Jeff Lucas, Shelley Yergler, Chris Baxter, Wendy Edwards, Todd Nabors, Patti Painter, Michelle Chambers, Brian Coward, Jennifer Galbraith, Sandy Harrington, Kyle York, Sharon Horner, Doug Elliott, Moni Goude, Matt Frantz, Chris Johnson, Ellis VonCannon, Scott Burton, Matt Bowman, Kevin Frost, Joe Parrish, Scott Mann (S. Carven)



Scanning the wide selection of French cuisine, Mrs. Walmsley decides what to choose. (D. Elliott)



Savoir Faire!

“À quelle heure est-ce que la séance du cercle français ce soir?” This question was frequently asked by many dedicated French students who planned to attend one of the various meetings held this year by Ragsdale’s French Club.

The French Club, led by president Amber Marsh, had an excellent year largely due to the active participation of many club members. The club, which held a number of meetings in the homes of various French Club members, gave interested students an opportunity to assist in the organization of projects, as well as a

chance to socialize with friends and sample French cuisine. During Homecoming in October, the French Club sold corsages and boutonnières to students as their major annual fundraising event. Under the careful supervision of Mrs. Laura Wolf, the club’s advisor, the French Club planned a very special evening for Ragsdale’s faculty on December fifth. This year’s faculty dinner offered a wide array of authentic French dishes, all of which were prepared by club members. In addition to the delicious food and festive decorations, French Club members performed an original Christmas play

totally in French and sang several French Christmas carols.

Students proficient in French, and who maintained an A average throughout levels one and two, were members of la Société Honoraire de Français. This group, led by president Patti Painter, sold tee-shirts, sweatshirts and posters as a fundraiser for a scholarship for an overseas summer study program. Furthermore, the SHF sponsored a poor child in Togo, Africa.

Overall, the French Club and SHF had a remarkably productive year and acted with true Savoir-Faire!



Memorizing his lines, Jeff Lucas prepares for the Christmas play. (D. Elliott)



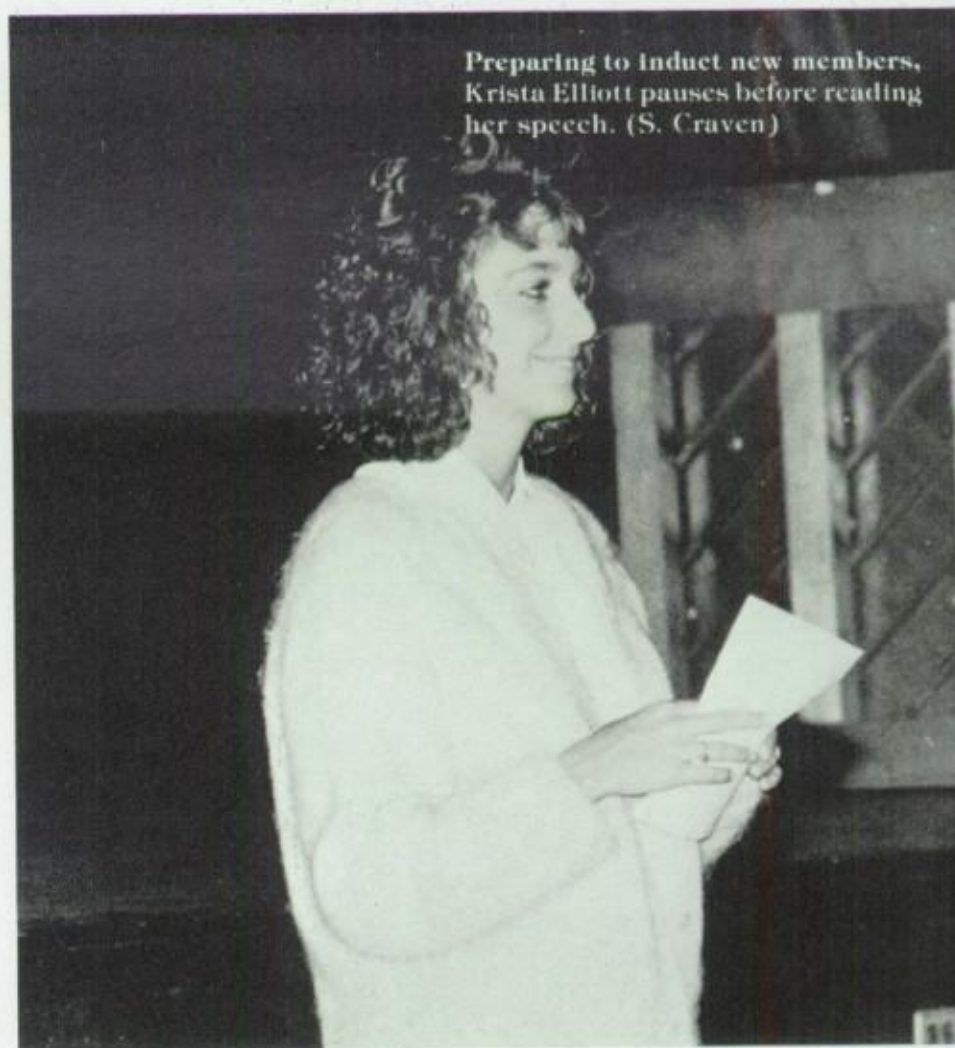
Carrying out her duties as treasurer, Jennifer Jessup collects dues from club members. (S. Craven)

De Los Españoles

Donde está la asamblea, Casa Gallardo o Chichis? This rather unique question was asked by Spanish Club members interested in attending one of the many club meetings held at local Mexican restaurants.

The Spanish Club, whose president was Krista Elliott, had an unusually active year. The club had a number of meetings which were held at the homes of members, at school, as well as, at several Mexican restaurants. Attendance at meetings and participation in club projects

was generally good. The Spanish Club got an early start when they sold balloons as a fund raising project during Spirit Week in October. In November, the club inducted new members. Other club projects included supporting an under privileged child in Mexico. Only in existence for two years, the Spanish Honor Society remained relatively small and inactive. Nili Singh acted as the club's president while Christine Carty served as vice president. Ms. Wiggins was the society adviser.



Preparing to induct new members, Krista Elliott pauses before reading her speech. (S. Craven)

ACADEMIC NOTEBOOK

CHAMPIONS

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Spanish club — First Row: Jim Park, Matt Larrick, Dwayne Peeler, Kim Voltz, Pam Wiggins, Krista Elliott, Nili Singh, Darcy Johnson, Jennifer Jessup. Second Row: Sandi Painter, Megan Buffy, Beth Foster, Kimberly Clayton, John Varner, Kim Russell. Third Row: Alexandria Maynard, Jennifer Faircloth, Angie Campbell, Valerie Sawyer, Mike Spivey, Trent Shuping, Jay Shuck, Tonja Bennett, Luther Johnson. Fourth Row: Tom Godfrey, Kelly York, Mindy Miller, Jinah Park, Pam Miller. Fifth Row: Amy Hegner, Cindy Fields, Tracy Bodenheimer, Christine Carty. Sixth Row: Renee Kisner, Lee Swisher, Cary Loper. Seventh Row: Brent Drinkard, Nelson Gatton, Chip Campbell, Joey Perez, Lori Bryant, Jim Layton, Mark Thacker. (S. Craven)



Spanish National Honor Society: Christine Carty, Nili Singh. (D. Elliott)

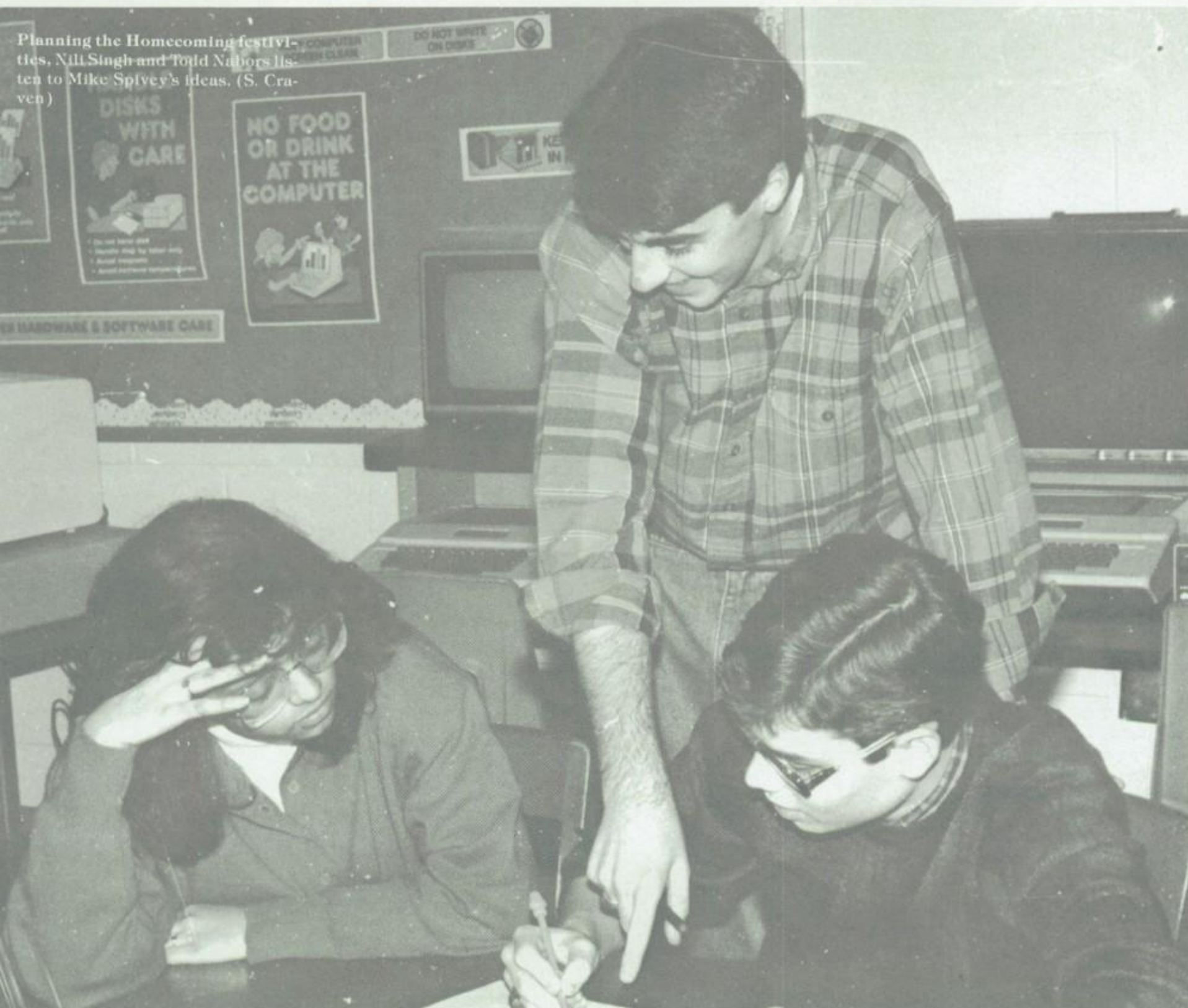
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National Honor Society — First Row: Darcy Johnson, Mindy Miller, Amber Marsh, Jeff Lucas, Patti Painter, Christine Carty, Richard Garner. **Second Row:** Jennifer Galbraith, Jinah Park, Todd Nabors, Mike Spivey, Ashli Welborne, Misty Peoples, Jenifer Jessup, Scott Wise. **Third Row:** Dennis Sink, Doug Elliott, Nevin Western, Jay Muckenfuss. **Fourth Row:** Chris Johnson, Sandy Harrington. **Not pictured:** Lisanne Dickson. (R. Garner)

Beta Club — First Row: Sharon Horner, Moni Goude, Kelly York, Lisanne Dickson, Karen Hafle, Jeff Hodgins, Ashley Eaton, Scott Craven. **Second Row:** Leslie McDonald, Monica McCall, Ashley Stone, Amber Marsh, Ashley Wellborne, Misty Peoples, Mark Gailly, Lisa Kester, Sara Zeller, Patti Painter. **Third Row:** Lori Bryant, Tammy Trottier, Matt Larrick, Dwayne Peeler, Nancy Oliphant, Sandy Harrington, Todd Nabors, Dennis Sink, Christine Carty, Amy Hegner. **Fourth Row:** Jennifer Gailbraith, Darcy Johnson, Jennifer Jessup, Brian Coward, Amy Coward, Annie McCoy, Dawn Wall. **Fifth Row:** Luther Johnson, Rhonda Jiles, Kyra Moore, Matt Bowman, Joe Parrish, Scott Jagow, Mark Thacker, Kim Sloop, Mindy Miller, Jinah Park, Jeff Lucas. **Standing:** Chris Johnson, Billy McKee, Matt Frantz, Junior Kim, Doug Elliott, Jim Layton. (S. Craven)



Planning the Homecoming festivities, Nill Singh and Todd Nabors listen to Mike Spivey's ideas. (S. Craven)



High Achievers!!

Ragsdale offered two distinctions for students who achieved academic excellence, the Beta Club and the National Honor society.

The Beta Club, headed by president Doug Elliott, had a relatively productive year. In November, Ragsdale's Beta Club attended the District Beta Club convention hosted by Southwest Guilford High School. Although none of the District Club officers elected at the convention were Ragsdale stu-

dents, club members placed in the talent competition and considered the meeting worthwhile. The Beta Club, which requires members to maintain a 3.2 grade point average, inducted many new members after the first of the new year. In the Spring, the club also carried out a major fund raising project.

The prestigious National Honor Society, which requires its members to maintain a slightly higher G.P.A. of 3.4, was led by president Patti Painter. The N.H.S.

was involved in a number of projects and had an excellent year. In October, the N.H.S. planned and directed the Homecoming festivities. Later, in December, N.H.S. members collected food, clothing and gifts for a needy family and several members went caroling at a local nursing home. In the Spring, the N.H.S. inducted a number of new members. Overall, it was a great year for the N.H.S.

THE THINKERS

The High IQ team of Ragsdale High School worked very hard during the 1986-87 year. Much time and effort went into preparing for the big event of the year for the team, the High IQ Bowl. Preparing for this competition included studying current events and drilling sample questions from academic areas such as history and math. In the High IQ Bowl, the members

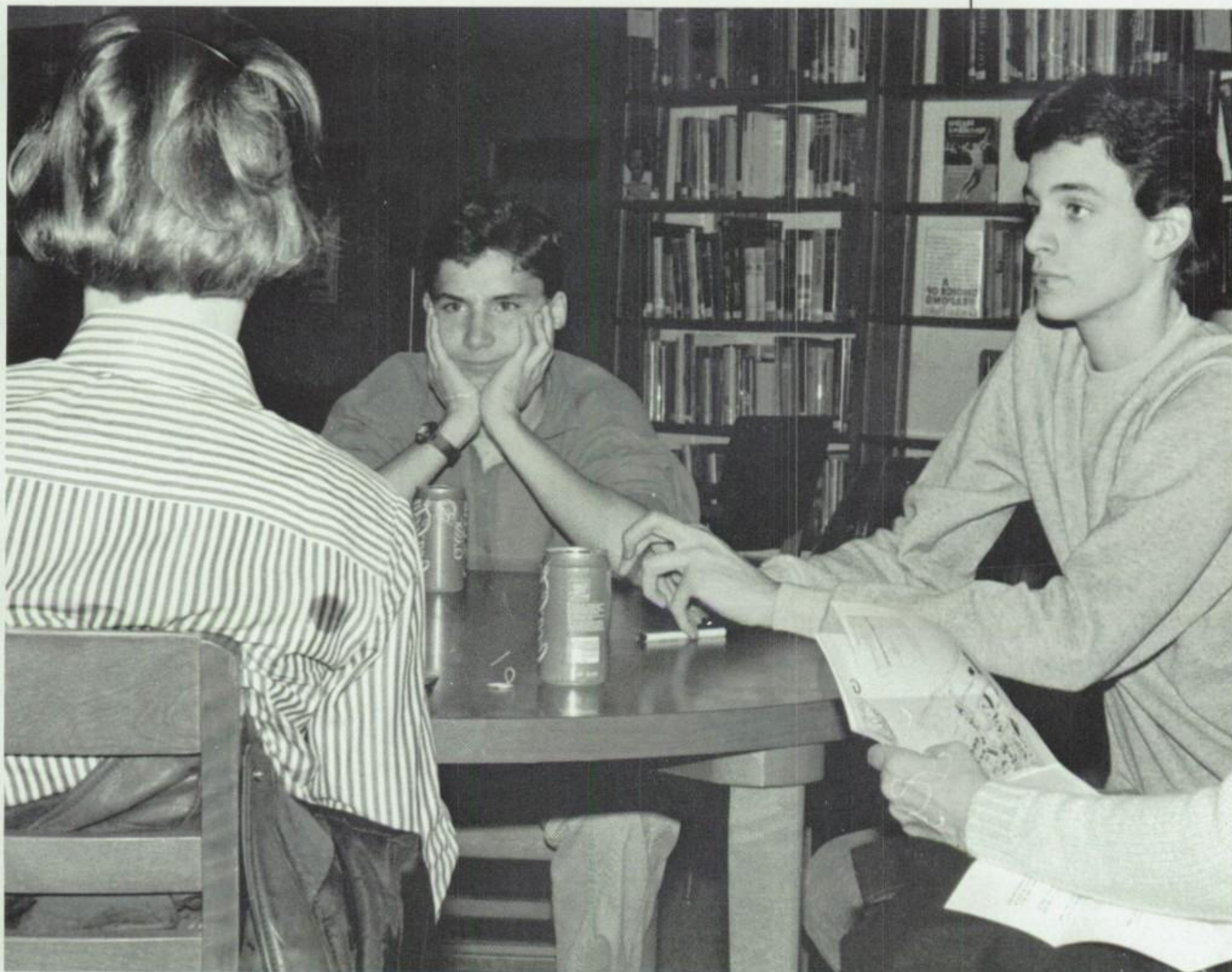
of the team must not only be able to answer difficult questions but also answer them quickly. At the beginning of the year, tryouts were held and five people were chosen to be on the team. The team met once a week, starting in September. As the time drew near for the competition, members met twice a week. The team did well in the Bowl.



Thinking hard, Jeff Lucas considers a tough question. (R. Garner)



Posing as "The Thinker", Steven Jones concentrates on a question. (R. Garner)



Working together, members of High IQ study in an after-school session. (R. Garner)



High IQ. Left to right: Patty Painter (attestor), Sandy Harrington, Steven Jones, Matt Frantz, Jim Layton. Seated: Jeff Lucas, Mrs. Pervis. (D. Elliott)



Tests, Tests And More Tests . . .!!!

Once again, new juniors and seniors were faced with the prospect of taking the SAT, or Scholastic Achievement Test. Al-

most every college and university required their applicants to submit at least two different testing scores. The SAT was given several times

this year, both at Ragsdale and at other area high schools. Much to the student's dismay, the test was administered early on a Sat-

urday morning, and was spread out over several hours. Scores were received by mail after a couple of months.

Looking ahead to the SAT, Kelly Atkins fills out an application. (S. Craven)

Explaining the instructions, Mrs. Kenan directs the SAT. (S. Craven)



Arriving Saturday morning, Kim Byrd shows her identification. (S. Craven)

Drinking soft drinks, these students take a break. (S. Craven)

Beginnings!

The lines of communication were opened between parents and teachers for the first time this year when a chapter of the PTA was begun at Ragsdale High School. The purpose of our PTA for this year was basically to get started at RHS and to publish a newsletter for parents.

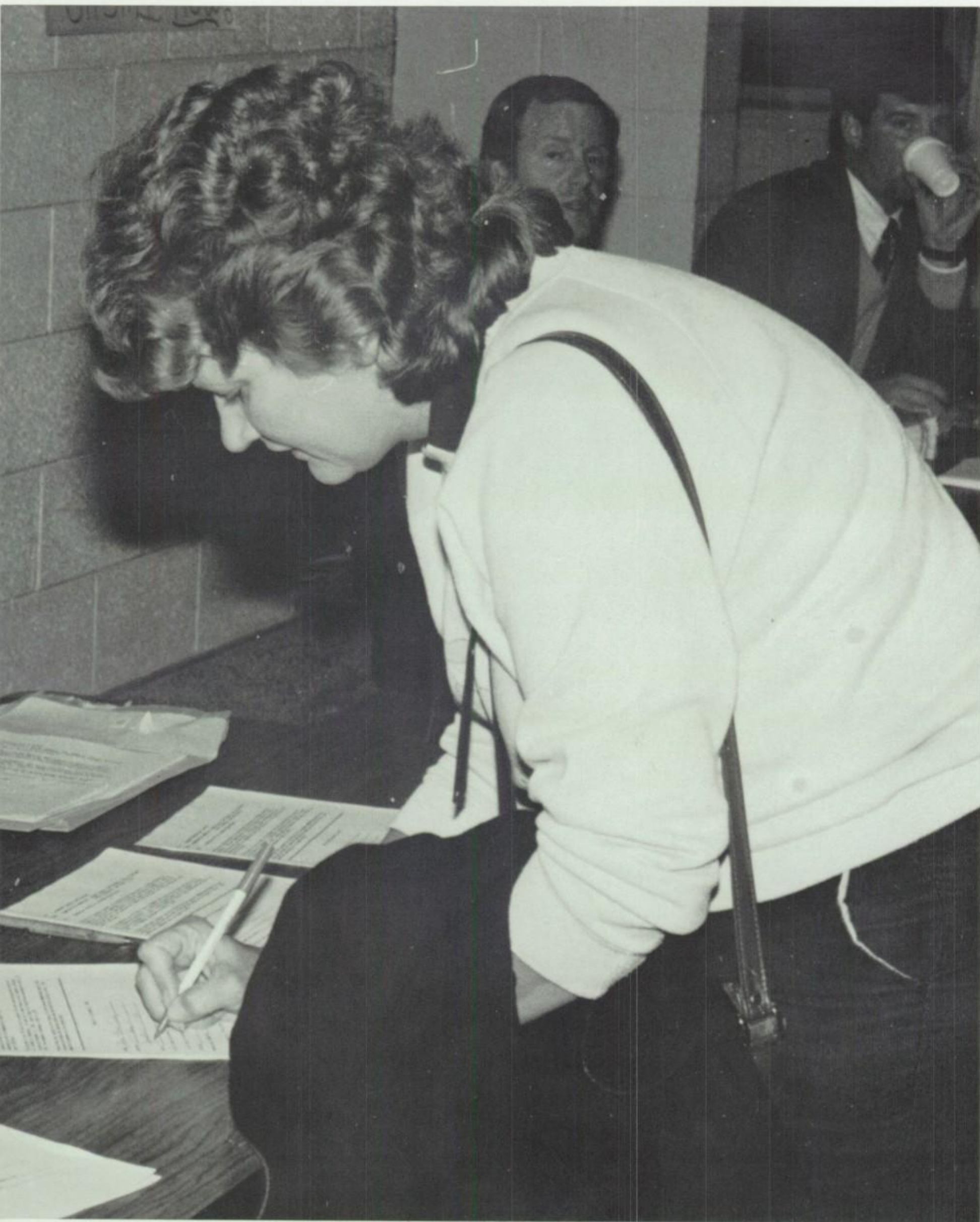
The PTA accomplished many things during the year. First, the teachers were served refreshments in November. Second, a tutoring program with the math department was begun for stu-

dents. The PTA also published and sent three newsletters to parents of students which kept the parents informed of activities going on at RHS. The PTA was begun this year because Dr. Dalton felt that there was a need for more cooperation between parents and teachers. Consequently, the beginning of a PTA at RHS turned out to be an asset both to parents and teachers.

Pausing for a moment, Mrs. JoeAnn Dickson and another parent talk. (S. Craven)



Taking a break, Ted Johnson, president, speaks to an assistant. (S. Craven)



Signing in, a concerned parent attends a PTA meeting. (S. Craven)

While completing an assignment,
Barbara Williams receives help
with letter placement. (S. Craven)



Paying close attention, Kay Quick
learns something new from her supervisor.
(S. Craven)

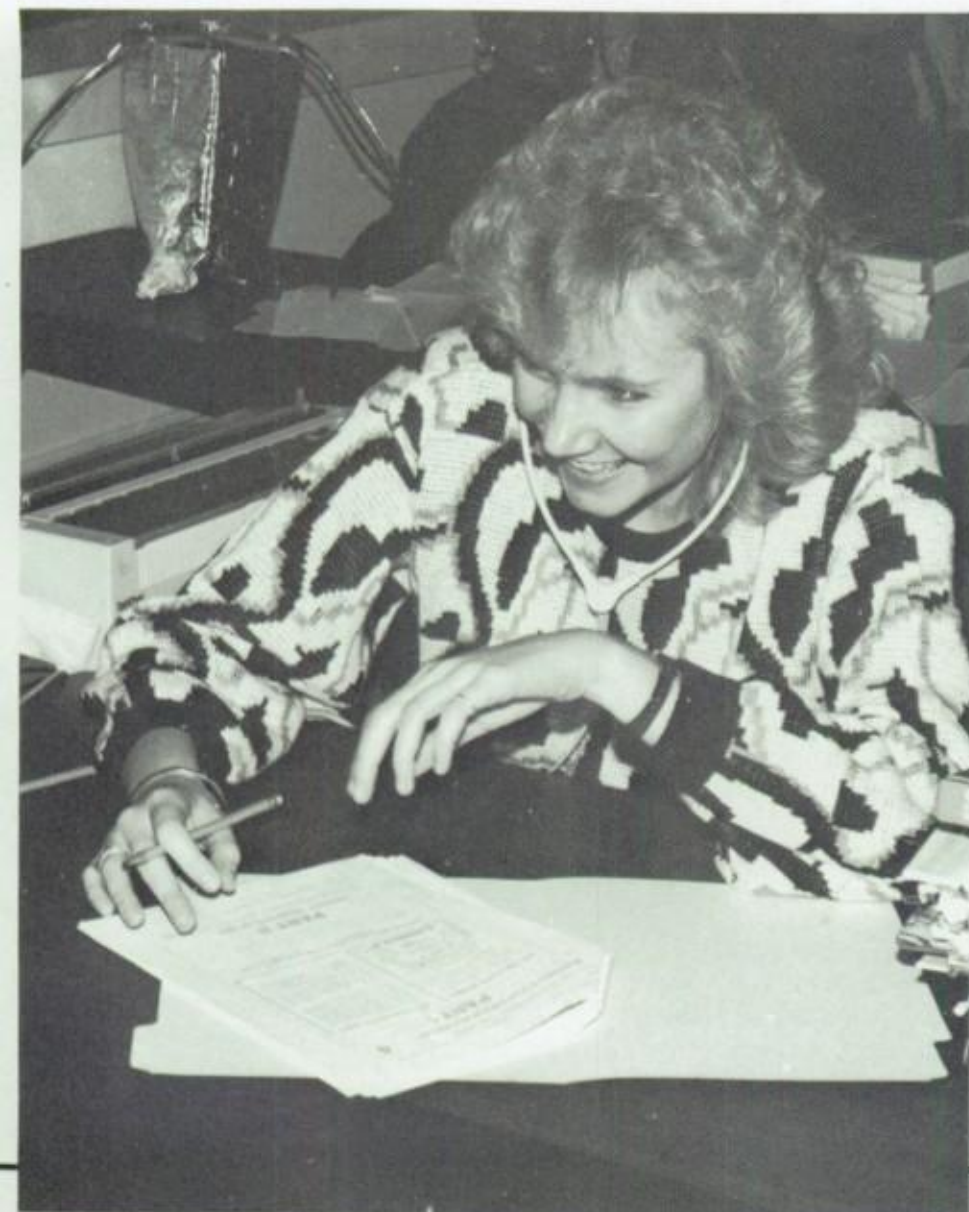
A Lot of Work A Little Play!

As in the past, this year Ragsdale had a very active CO-OP program, in their business department.

CO-OP (Cooperative Office Occupations), headed by Mrs. Walthall, was a program for seniors who wanted to get an early start in the working world. The students involved in this program, came to school for their first four classes and left around 12:45 for work. Mrs. Walthall, who was a big help to the students, arranged job interviews; however, all arrangements were left up to the student. The

job which the students chose provided them with extremely valuable experience for their future careers. If needed, the students were able to keep their jobs after graduation.

The CO-OP program was made up of not only an actual job but also classroom learning. During 4th period, the CO-OP students learned to take dictation, to complete a job resume, and other important business skills. Overall, the program was a lot of hard work but the students always managed to have a little fun.



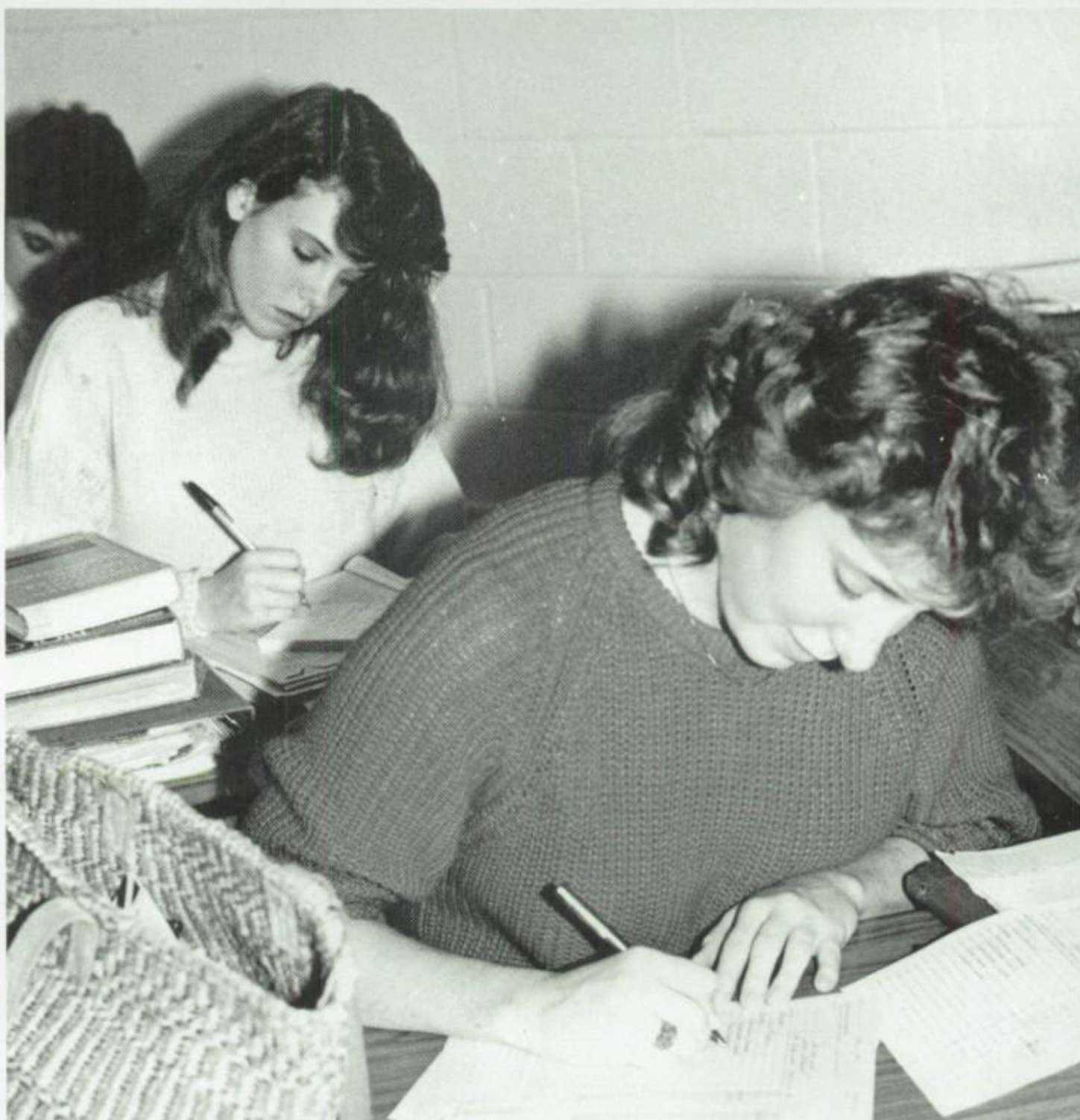
Learning to transcribe, Monica Burkard proves CO-OP is not all work. (S. Craven)

Working diligently, Kris Kauffman fills out forms for Jefferson Pilot. (S. Craven)

FBLA members: 1st row — left to right — Nancy Petty, Shelly Yergler, Bobbi Stockard, Renee Phelps. 2nd row: left to right — Michelle Story, Rhonda Hopkins, Denise Stroud, Mary Ellen Joyce, Tammy Lewis, Angie Jackson, Sebo Ragsdale, Michelle Carter, Wendy Edwards, Jill Regan. (S. Craven)



Working diligently at her desk, Patty Fields fills out forms for accounting. (M. Hodgkin)





While Mr. Harris explains a new assignment, students listen intently. (M. Hodgins)

Practicing his skills at the typewriter, Brian Floyd completes his assignment for Mrs. Freeman. (R. Garner)



Attempting to complete a complex problem for Data Processing, Scott Sexton finds it difficult to proceed. (M. Hodgins)

PLANNING AHEAD

Ragsdale offered a number of courses in their Business program their year. These included data processing, accounting, typing, and recordkeeping.

Data Processing, which involves the use of computers, was taught by Mr. Harris. With the increase in demand for computer knowledge, Mr. Harris stressed that getting an early start

was a good idea.

Another class that students took part in was typing, in which they learned basic typing skills and took timed writings to improve their speed and accuracy. Students in these classes had the chance to participate in the various activities of the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) which was led by Mrs. Whitely.



Caught in the middle of things, Lee Grissett is seen working on a transmission. (S. Craven)

DECA members: 1st row — back to front: Karen Titus, Amy Woodburn, Kyra Moore, Allison Segers, Deanna Watts, Janie Landreth, Kelly Harrison, Mary Hill. 2nd row — back to front: Robbie Atkins, Jamie Landreth, Lee Grissett, Todd DeHart, Jason Long. 3rd row — back to front: Todd Lovette, Kevin Hughes, Roger Wilson, Dwayne McMahan. 4th row — back to front: Jennifer Brower, Deanna Lockabill, Tracy Cruthis, Suzanne Bonduant, Michelle Carter, Laura Martin. (S. Craven)



INTO THE FUTURE

The vocational program at Ragsdale this year included auto mechanics, wood technology, upholstery, and graphics. Although upholstery was taught at GTCC, a large number of students enrolled in the course.

The students in Mr. Dillon's advanced auto mechanics class progressed

Getting some help from Mr. V., Albert Henderson learns how to use the sanding machine. (S. Craven)

rapidly throughout the year doing a great deal of high performance engine work. Mr. Dillon, who was here two years in January, truly enjoyed teaching this skill to others.

Mr. Vielcanowitz's wood technology class learned to use the various woodworking machines. Mr. "V." said that in his class, "you have to be at least five steps ahead", or in other words, one must constantly plan ahead of time.



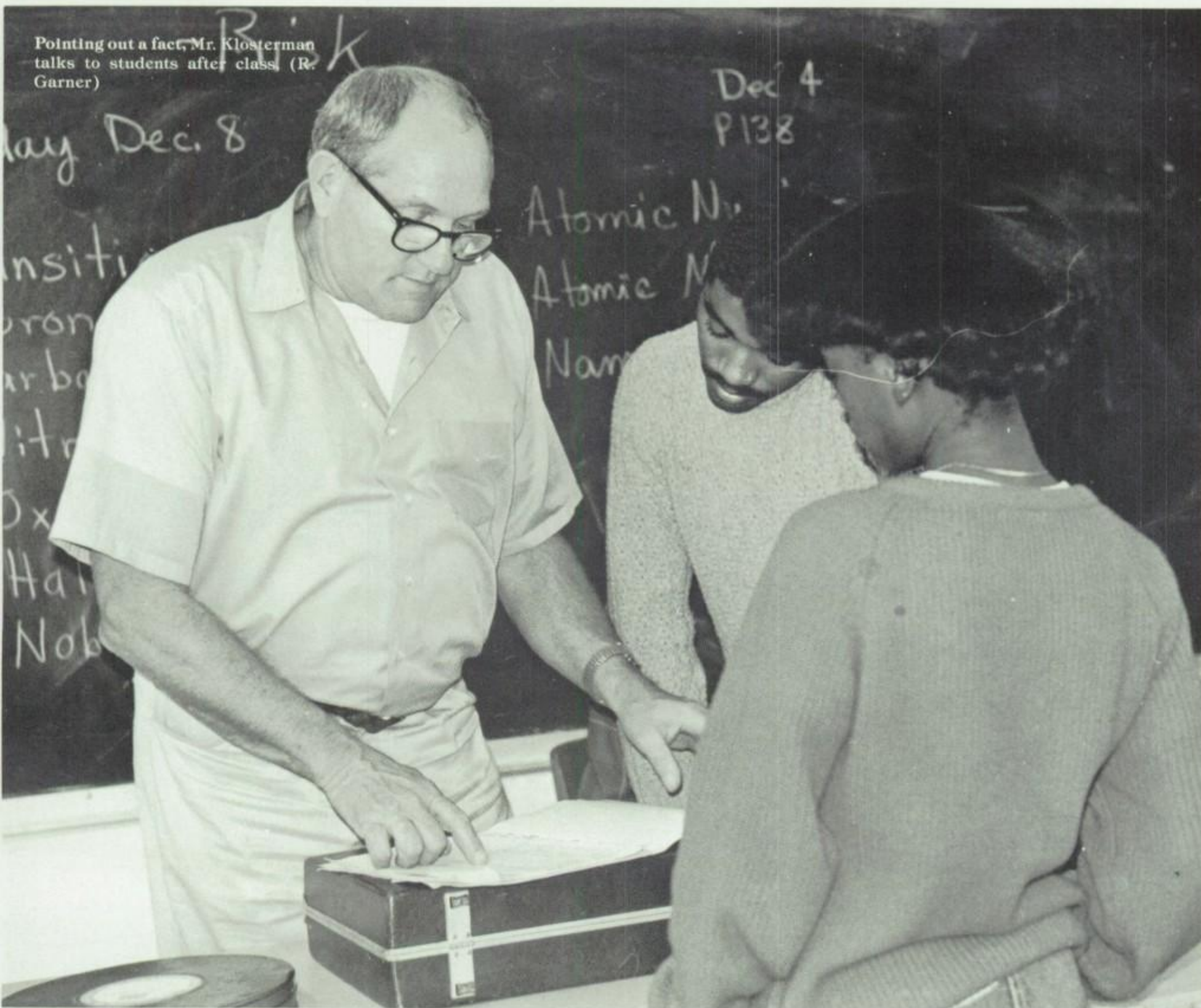
Working in auto mechanics class, Lee Coleman takes the oil pan off this newly re-built engine. (S. Craven)

After a day's work in graphics, Chris Lilly helps out by cleaning the machinery. (S. Craven)



Studying intently, some students concentrate on learning. (R. Garner)

Pointing out a fact, Mr. Klosterman talks to students after class. (R. Garner)



Putting the car into gear, Hodge begins the drive. (R. Garner)



LEARNING HOW

Driver's Education was composed of two main parts. During their freshmen year, students spent seven weeks in the classroom learning the traffic laws and the basics of driving. This relatively short course, taught by Mr. Klosterman and Mr. Newton, took the place of gym.

The second part began after the student becomes fifteen years old. This part consisted of learning the techniques of driving a car in a number of traffic situations. The techniques

taught were parallel and angle-parking, three-point turns, and reversing. In the car, Mr. Klosterman stressed steering by using drills such as figure eights, both forward and backward.

Our two Driver's Education teachers, Mr. Klosterman and Mr. Newton, have been here for long periods of time. Mr. Klosterman has taught for 38 years. Mr. Newton has been here for 18 years. Both have enjoyed helping students learn to drive.

TRYING OUT

The Ragsdale High School Drama Department offered more than one outlet for dramatic expression to interested students. The Drama Club and B.R.E.W. fulfilled the needs of creative students.

The Drama Club attended workshops to help perfect their abilities. In play performances, they acted as ushers. Backstage techniques, such as the operation of lights and sound ef-

fects, were another area of concentration during the year.

B.R.E.W. which stands for Body Rhythms Expressing Words, worked with the techniques of expressing oneself through body movements. Practice makes perfect!

Practicing her lines, Lori Blackwell concentrates on a script given to her by Ms. Dalton. (S. Craven)



B.R.E.W. — Jennifer Hill, Tracy Morton, Gena Rose, Kim Clayton, Arion Sorelle, Sara Zeller. (S. Craven)

Drama Club — Tracy Morton, Dawn Pruden, Jennifer Hill, Lori Blackwell, Amanda Newbill, Rachael Justus, Margaret Johnston, Michelle Gleason, Candi Westbrook, Sara Zeller, Kim Clayton, (S. Craven)





Laughing together, Mary Dixon and another student listen to Ms. Dalton. (S. Craven)

SHOW TIME!

Ragsdale High School has several active singing ensembles. This year, our Rhythm and Rhapsody participated in a competition with high schools from across the state at Carowinds. The group also worked for a trip to Hawaii. In the spring, Rhythm and Rhapsody put on a production entitled Celebration '87.

In addition, a new all girls' chorus has been added to

the school's music department. They are called the Rhythmettes. The Rhythmettes performed anywhere they were invited. The last of the groups for vocal expression is mixed-chorus. At Christmas, the chorus performed at a concert for the school. Also, the chorus participated in a contest in February. Another concert was given in the spring for the students at Ragsdale High School.



Sharing a moment of fun, Heidi Menzel, Erin Chance, and Cindy Thacker laugh together. (M. Hodglin)

Looking on intently, Leigh Swisher
 listens to Ms. Dalton explain a rou-
 tine. (D. Elliott)



Rhythmettes — Front to back, left to right: Leslie McDonald, Kim Russell, Lenore Walton, Leigh Swisher, Kelly Austin, Rachael Justus, Jennifer Maxson, Michelle Gleason, Tracy Morton, Monica McCall, Val Merced, Kim Clayton, Trudy Johnston, Donna West, Margaret Johnston, Charlotte Dixon, Denise Fowler, Mary Chance, Felicia Howard, Heidi Menzel, Cindy Thacker, Beth Foster, Tina Ring. Not pictured: Candy Westbrook. (S. Craven)



Mixed Chorus — Front row: Jeff Nicholson, Kellie Jenkins, Timothy Simmons, Bernard Reese, Nevada Jackson, Tracey Cheek, Rhonda Reddick. Second Row: Dana Hilliard, Soo Kim, Vonda Johnson, Tyrone Johnson, Lisa Bozarth, Min Kim, Regina Broddy. Third row: Dionne Parson, Susan Peelman, Jeff Pratt, Sara Hicks, Nancy Pope. (M. Hodglin)

KNOW-HOW!

Out of the Blue, Ragsdale received an exciting new addition to the art department this year. Miss Giese, the new art teacher achieved a great deal. Immediately, she began making art assignments. She also started a new Art Club at Ragsdale. Because she stressed involvement, she suggested that all her students become a part of the Art Club and participate in its various activities

throughout the year.

In Mr. Rippy's drafting class, the key qualities stressed, were precision and neatness. Mr. Rippy felt that taking drafting would be a good idea for students interested in engineering, interior design, carpentry, or plumbing.

Lending a helping hand, Miss Giese corrects this art student's mistakes. (R. Garner)

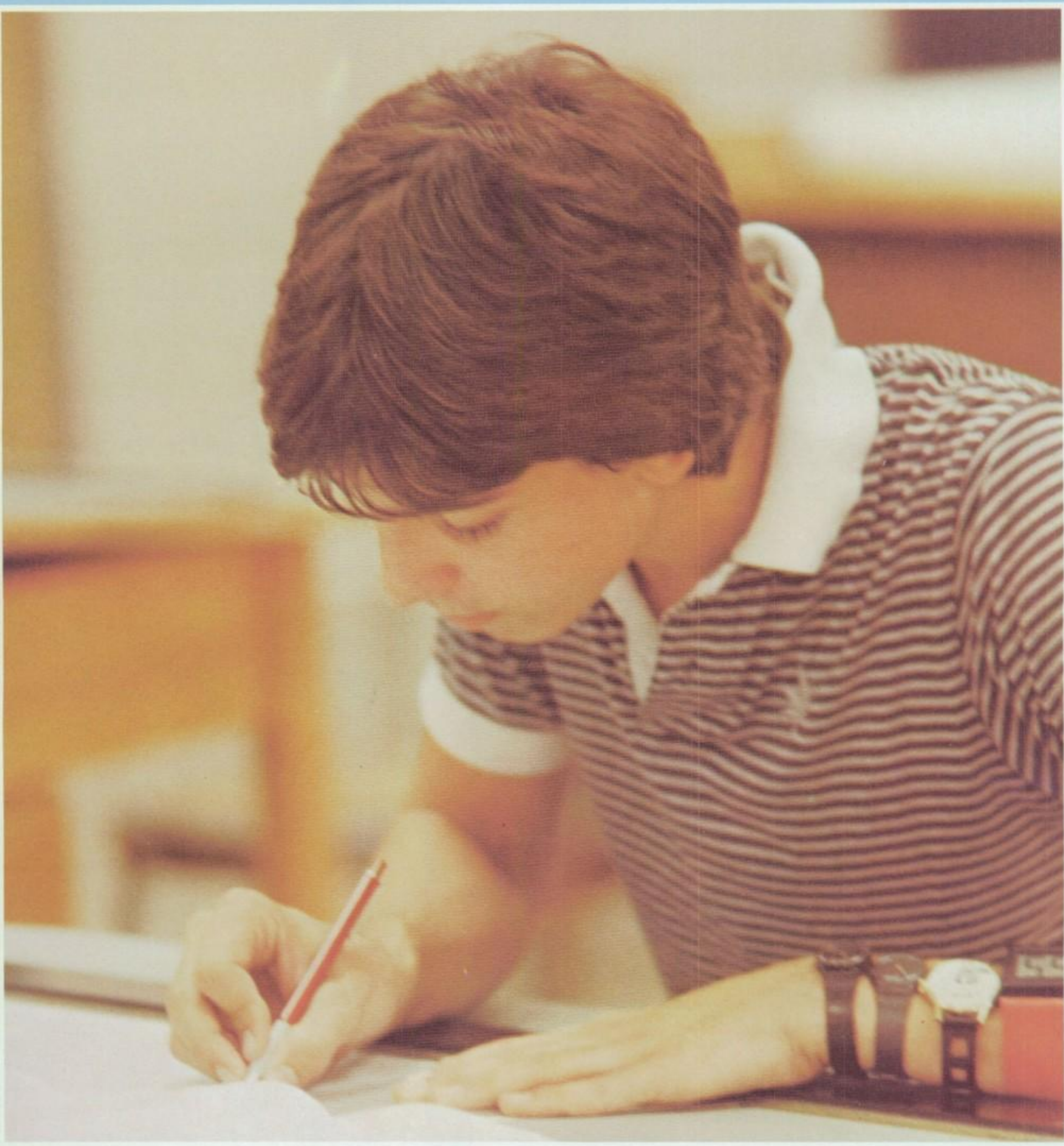


Art Club — Front row: Amy Lewis — Treasurer, Tracy Bodenheimer — Secretary, Kristie Wagoner — Vice-President, Lisanne Dickson — President, Miss Giese. Second row: Greg Lain, Todd Nabors, Karen Hafele, Sebo Ragsdale, Elizabeth Ihrig, Rochelle Johnson, Angie Smith; last row: Steve Hopman, Charles Jenkins, Laura Schrader, Mike Klima, Scott Rhoads, Steve Turner, Anne Haney, Eddie Balevic, Scott Craven, Corey Kissner, Randall Yow, Dustin Tolber. (D. Elliot)



Adding a splash of color, this artwork decorates windows in the front commons. (R. Garner)

Concentrating on his work, Bill
Fearlander completes his assign-
ment for Mr. Rippy. (R. Garner)





Making beautiful music, members of the Ragsdale band play at a pep rally. (R. Garner)



Making friends, Senior Elizabeth Ihrig talks to members of another team. (M. Hodgin)



Reaching for the sky, these Ragsdale students show spirit at a pep rally. (R. Garner)



PERSONALITIES

The 1986-1987 Ragsdale students saw many new, exciting, and different events take place. They would certainly agree that their high school meant more than just books and studying. Not only was it their place of learning, but it was their biggest social meeting place. To many, school was the best way to see their friends, and get to know them all better.

Most important, however, were the people themselves. The people made Ragsdale High School what it was. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors — each played an important part in making the school year great!!

But school was not all fun, of course. There was a lot of hard work involved, especially for underclassmen. Research papers, math and science, English, foreign language — teachers of all subjects seemed to give heavy homework on the same night. There were always rewards for good work, though. Those who studied hard were rewarded with good grades.

Although some really dreaded school, most students made the best of the school year. Their biggest reward was seeing another year pass and moving up a grade, or if a Senior, surviving until graduation. For the most part, 1986-1987 was a great year, and for those who looked at school with a positive attitude, good times seemed to appear right "Out of the Blue"!!!

CLASS OF 1987

They were here, and they were wild. They all had one common goal: Graduation. They were called crazy by many, and Seniors by all. There were only two major requirements for being a Senior: 1) having been through at least eleven years of so-called hard and crueling work, and 2) the ability to get down and party.

All of the Seniors at Ragsdale had the second requirement, but few could say they had the first.

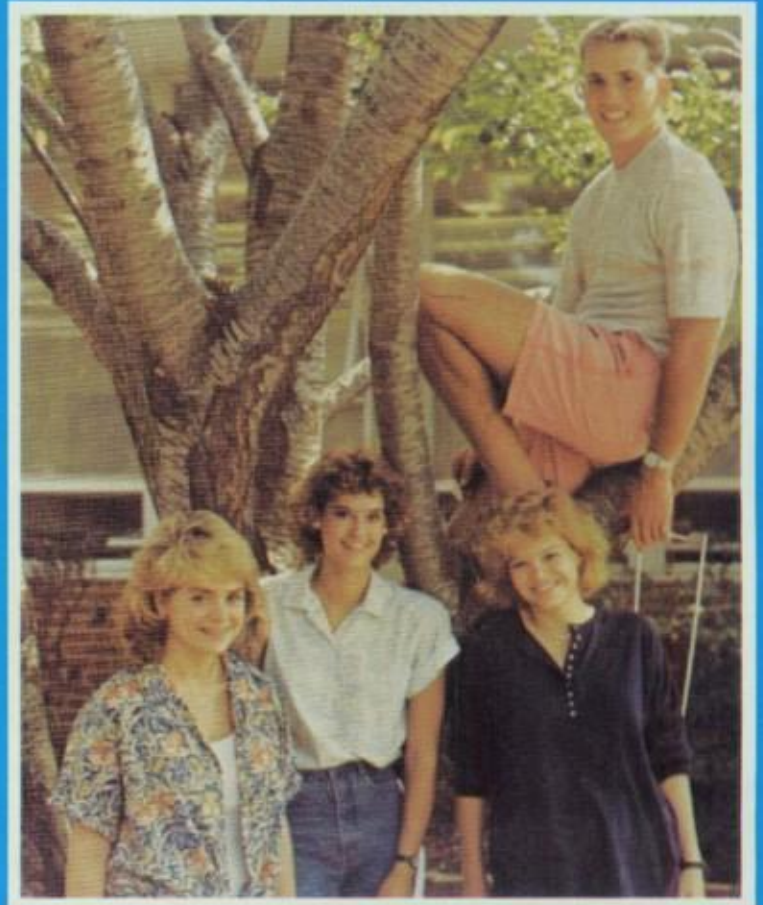
Most seniors had dreams of furthering their education at various colleges; however, some would graduate and work for a living. Their occupational desires were as varied as the Seniors themselves, but most

wanted to make a lot of money.

No one knew where they had come from. People often wondered when the change had occurred because Seniors seemed to dominate the school. They were everywhere: at games, at parties, and even at restaurants. They just seemed to have appeared from "Out of the Blue."

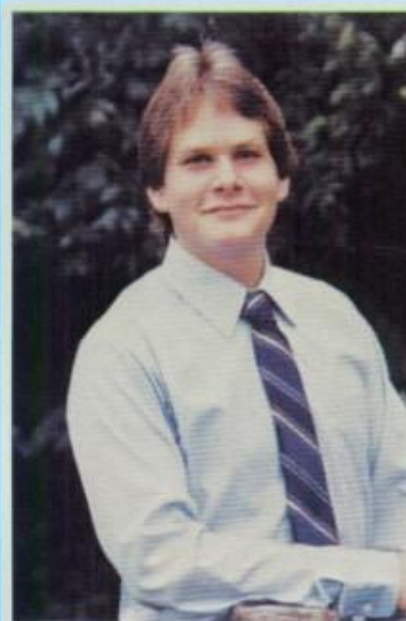


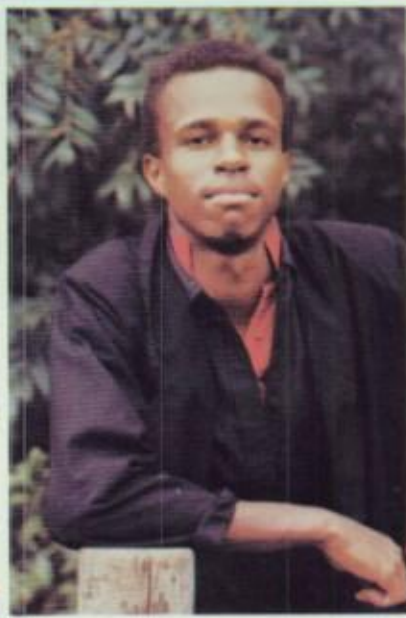
Giving it their all, the Senior class shows their school spirit. (D. Elliott)



Senior Class Officers: Craig Putnam, Pres.; Sharon Horner, V. Pres.; Jennifer Jessup, Sec.; Darcy Johnson, Treas. (E. Dove)

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E. B. Adams
Angle Aker
Carvel Alston

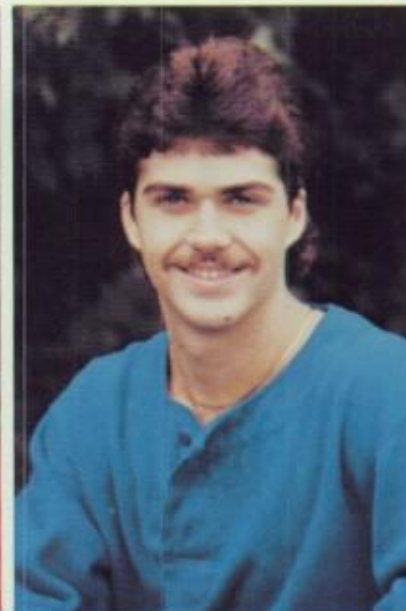




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Kellie Atkins
Robbie Atkins
Terrence Ballard*



*Brad Barton
Ellen Belk
Joell Bell
Susie Birchfield*



*Michelle Bird
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Diane Bridges
Ted Broach*



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Tabitha Brown
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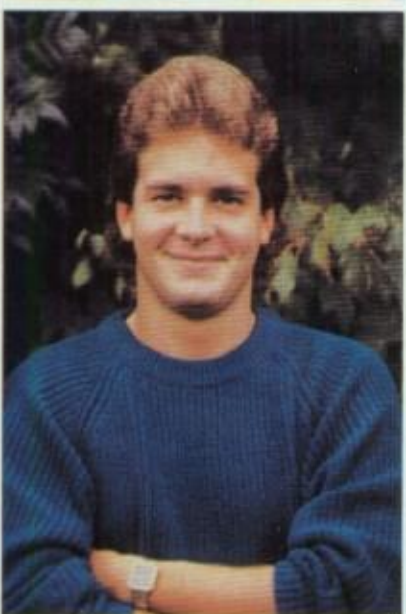
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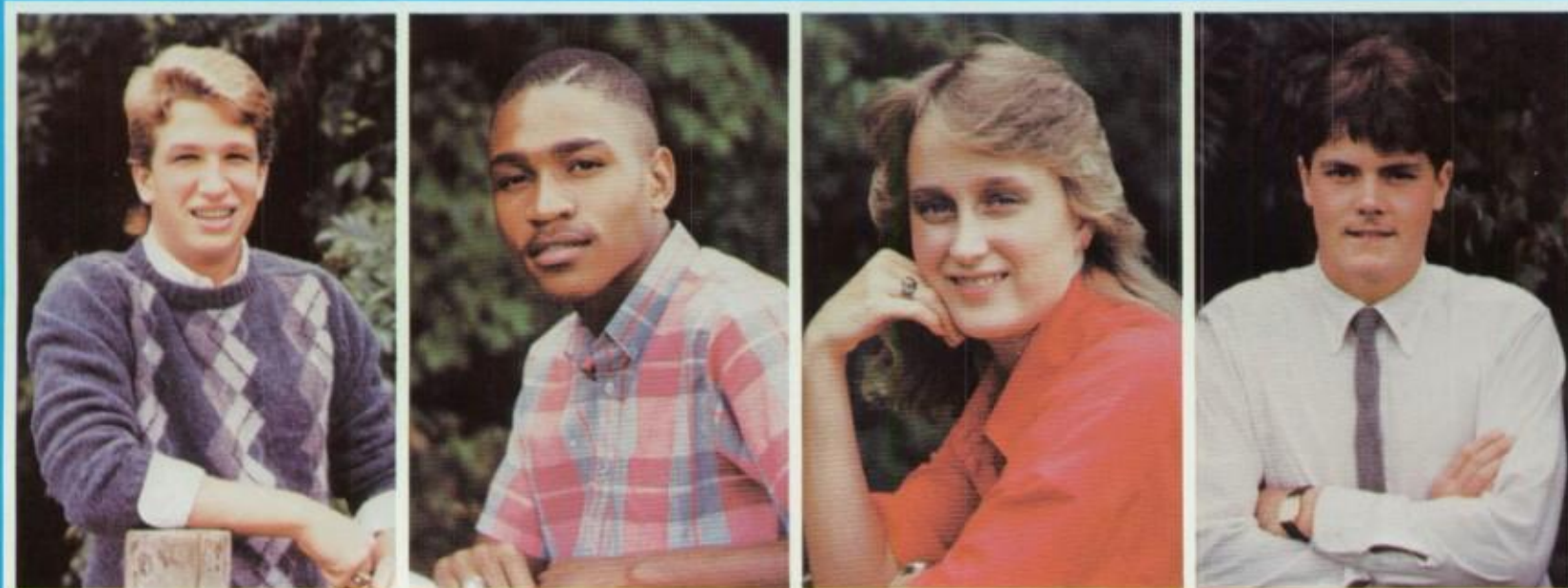
Mark Cassady



Peter Clenek



Discussing the next play, Robert Gibson and Dawn Dennis converse at the Powder Puff game. (M. Hodgin)



Todd Coggins
Michael Coleman
Delana Collins
Larry Collins



Joe Corley
Delynn Corn
Tammy Cotner
Brian Coward

Buddies

Wherever you might have looked, friends could be seen talking, laughing and sharing secrets or the latest gossip. Best friends, good friends, buddies, pals — they were all in abundance.

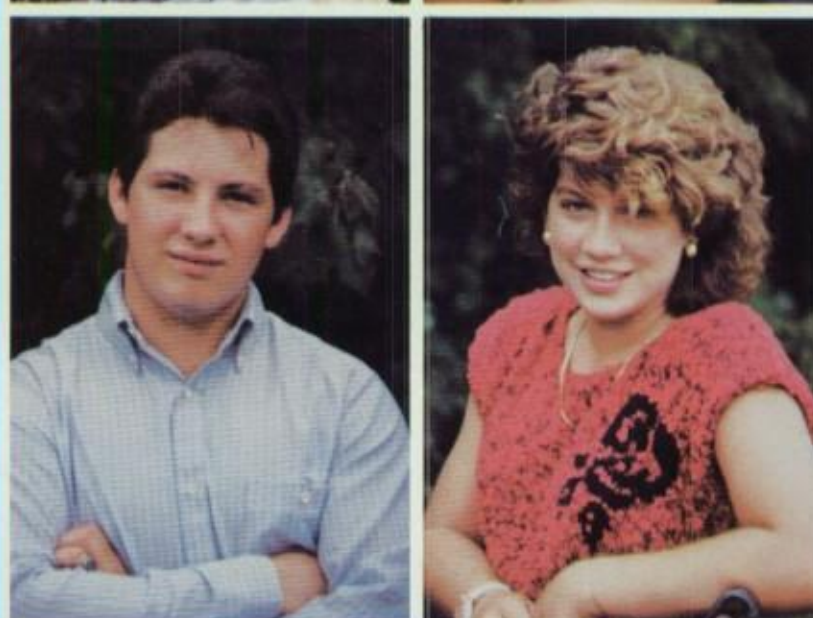
Some groups of friends had known each other for over ten years — since the beginning of kindergarten or first grade, while some had known each other since middle school. Of course, there were always those who had moved to Ragsdale recently, but the closest groups of friends were those who had been together longest.

Sometimes, though, experiences with friends could be sad and unpleasant. Every now and then, a seemingly-faithful friend would steal a boyfriend or girlfriend, and a good friend would move away.

Throughout the year, many people made new friends and lost old ones, and those who were lucky found a very special boyfriend or girlfriend.



Dean Culler
Lori Davis

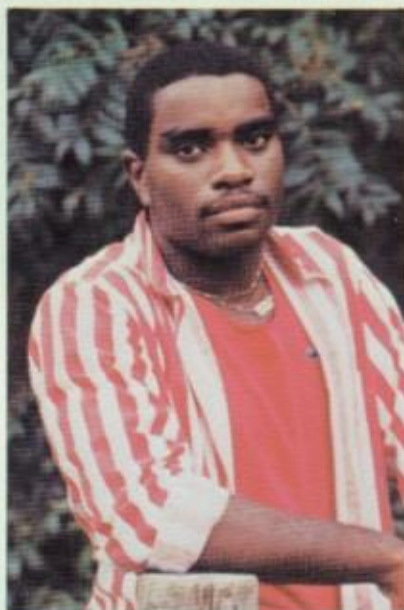
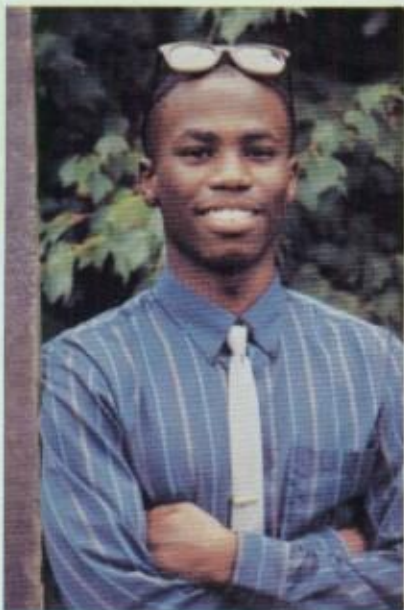


Todd DeHart
Dawn Dennis

Melissa Dewey
Lisanne Dickson
Jeff Dixon
Mary Dixon



Van Dockery
Calvin Dunlap
Brian Dunovant
Inez Duff



Wendy Edwards
Doug Elliott
Krista Elliott
Allen Evans



Lena Evans
Patty Fields
Matt Frantz
Richard Friddle





Michael Fulp
Jennifer Galbraith
Richard Garner
Nelson Gatton



Obviously not seeing the "underage" sign, this student will inevitably be stopped at the counter. (D. Elliott)

Considering the new drinking laws, Coke will remain above Pepsi 3 to 1 in the National taste tests. (D. Elliott)

IT'S THE LAW

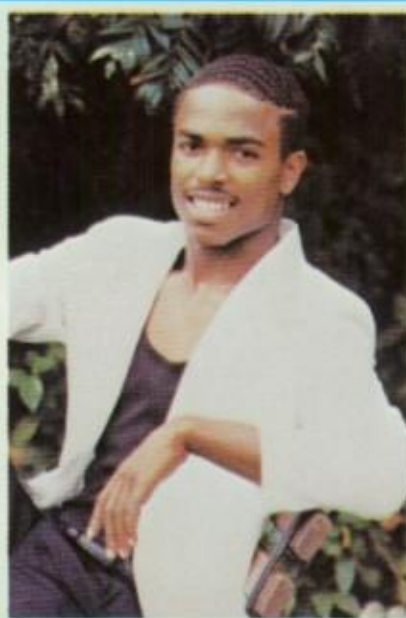
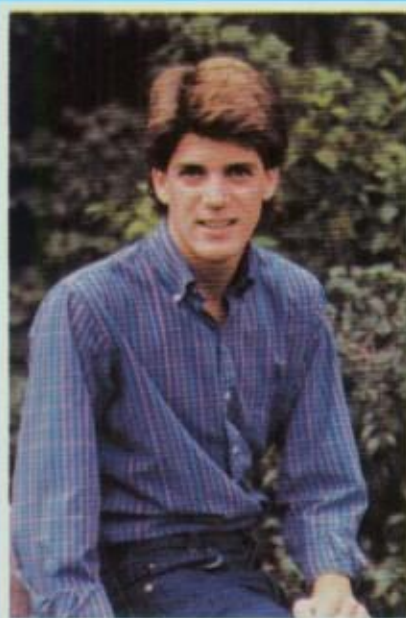
On September 1, 1986, a new law was passed. One that said no one under the age of 21 could buy, possess, or consume any kind of alcoholic beverages. This law indirectly affected Ragsdale students because they now had to wait even longer than the previous set age of 19 before they could be a legal consumer to the alcohol market.

Many students felt it unfair to raise the drinking age. They said, "at 16 we can operate automobiles, and at 18 we can be drafted to the army, so why can't we have the responsibility of consuming alcohol?" Regardless of these feelings from many students, the laws are still strictly enforced.

There are stiff penalties for breaking the drinking laws and no one wanted to pay these consequences. So, as the year progressed, some students still partied with alcohol, but others did as they were told because it's the law!



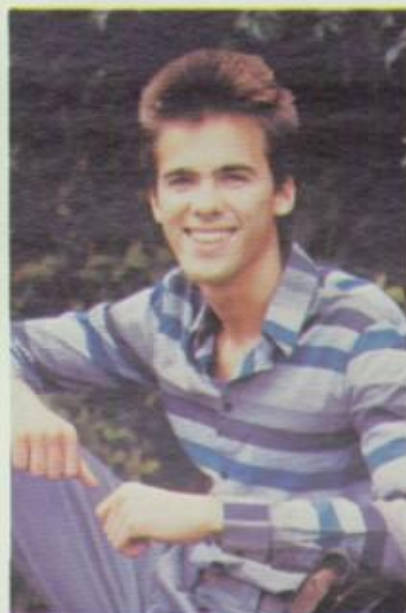
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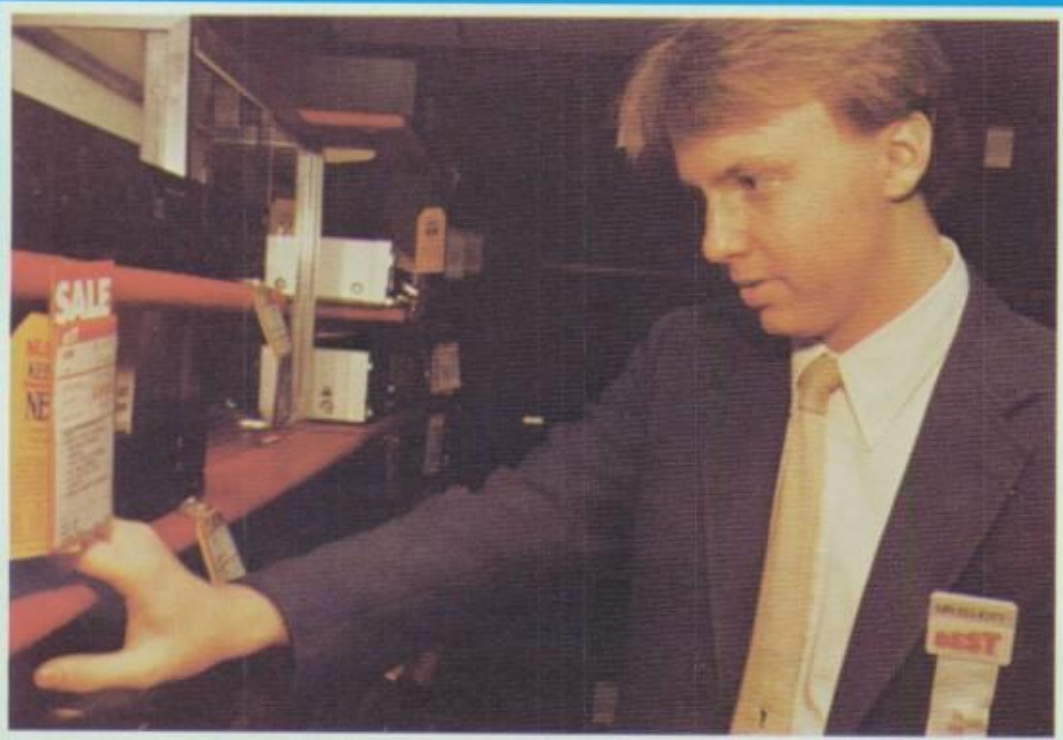


Sandy Harrington
Jimmy Harris
Rhonda Harris
Kim Harrison





Charles Harward
Rodney Hasty
Cindy Hendren
Tara Hennis



After Hours

Many Seniors took time off after school to earn extra money for their weekend expenses. In most cases, though, the students were over-worked and under-paid but with a firm will finished the job.

While no one enjoyed it,

there was at least one good reason for working — pay-day! As one Senior commented, "The only thing I like about my job is the money."

Although most students did work after school, all of them still seemed to find the time to have fun.

Dressed in coat and tie, employee Doug Elliott checks the sale merchandise at Best Products. (M Hodgins)

Working together on a Saturday afternoon, Sharon Horner and Lori King are earning their extra money. (D. Elliott)

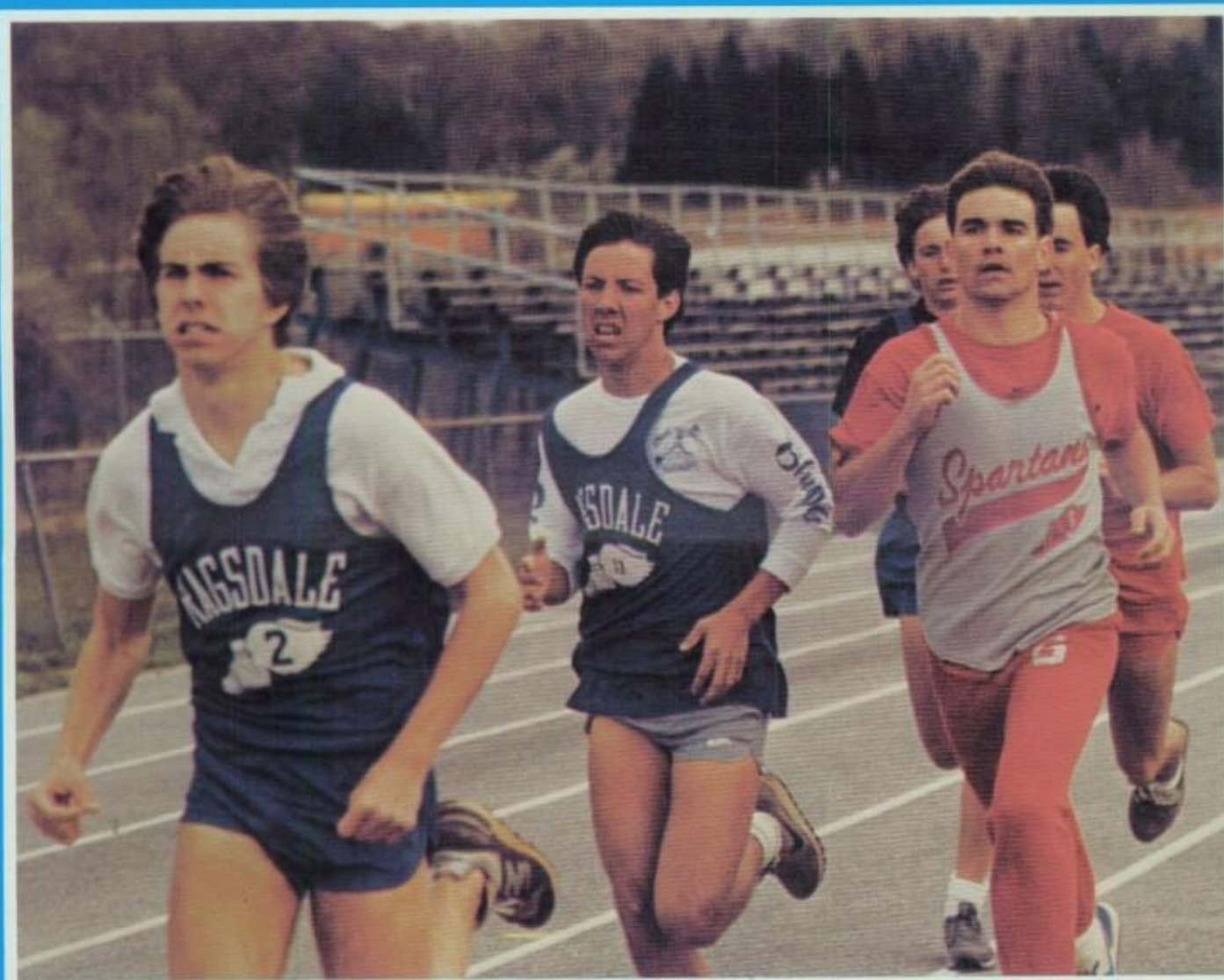


Team Work

Many Seniors participated in many different sports such as golf, football, cross country, and soccer. Much of their time was spent practicing to perfect their athletic abilities. Each Senior gave their best to be the best and produce a winning team. The dedication of these Seniors to be the best was truly remarkable.

However, many found it difficult to balance their extracurricular activities and their school work. Many practices were immediately after school which left plenty of time at night for school work; however, most of the games were lengthy and late in the evening making it difficult to balance their time.

These Seniors were very talented because they had the ability to balance their time and lead the underclassmen to be the best. Such people are not found everyday, and they don't appear everywhere. They just seem to come from "Out of the Blue."



Pulling their team ahead, Jim Layton and Joe Corley overcome their opponents. (M. Hodgins)



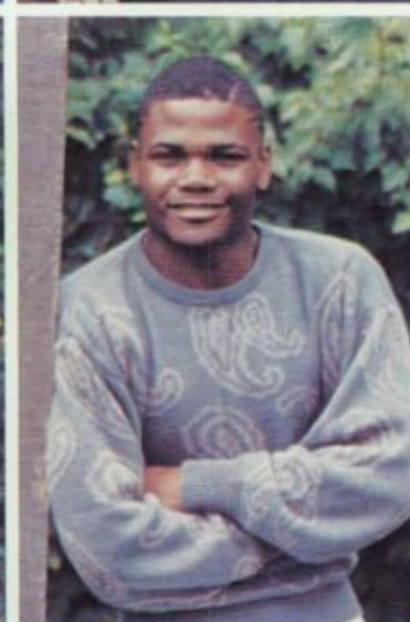
Concerned with his shot, Jason Gentel hopes to sink his putt. (D. Elliott)



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Mary Hill
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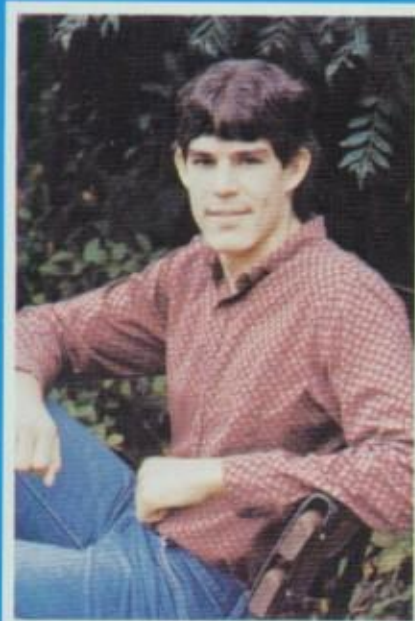


Mike Ingram
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Kellie Jenkins



John Jerry
Morla Jerry
Jennifer Jessup
Leslie Jessup

Chris Johnson
Darcy Johnson
Dean Johnson
Pam Johnson



Senior Spirit

Ragsdale's spirit was one of a kind this year! With the few pep rallies we were able to have, spirit stayed alive thanks to 10 special girls, the varsity cheerleaders. Through smothering heat to freezing rain, these exciting bundles of energy kept the crowds going no matter what the circumstances.

There were 5 senior cheerleaders who led the squad and supported all athletic teams throughout the year. Senior captain was Misty Peoples and co-captain was Michelle Bird. The other seniors were Ashley Stone, Cindy Mayo, and Cindy Hendren.



Showing her excitement, Misty Peoples shares a joke with Michelle Bird. (D. Elliott)



Keeping up with the beat, Cindy Mayo performs the cheerleading routine. (S. Craven)



Sonja Johnson
Dina Jones
William Jones
Natalie Justus



Kris Kauffman
Laurie King
Maria Kinley
Mike Kilma



Buz Knox
Tommy Lancaster
Jamie Landreth
Miles Layton

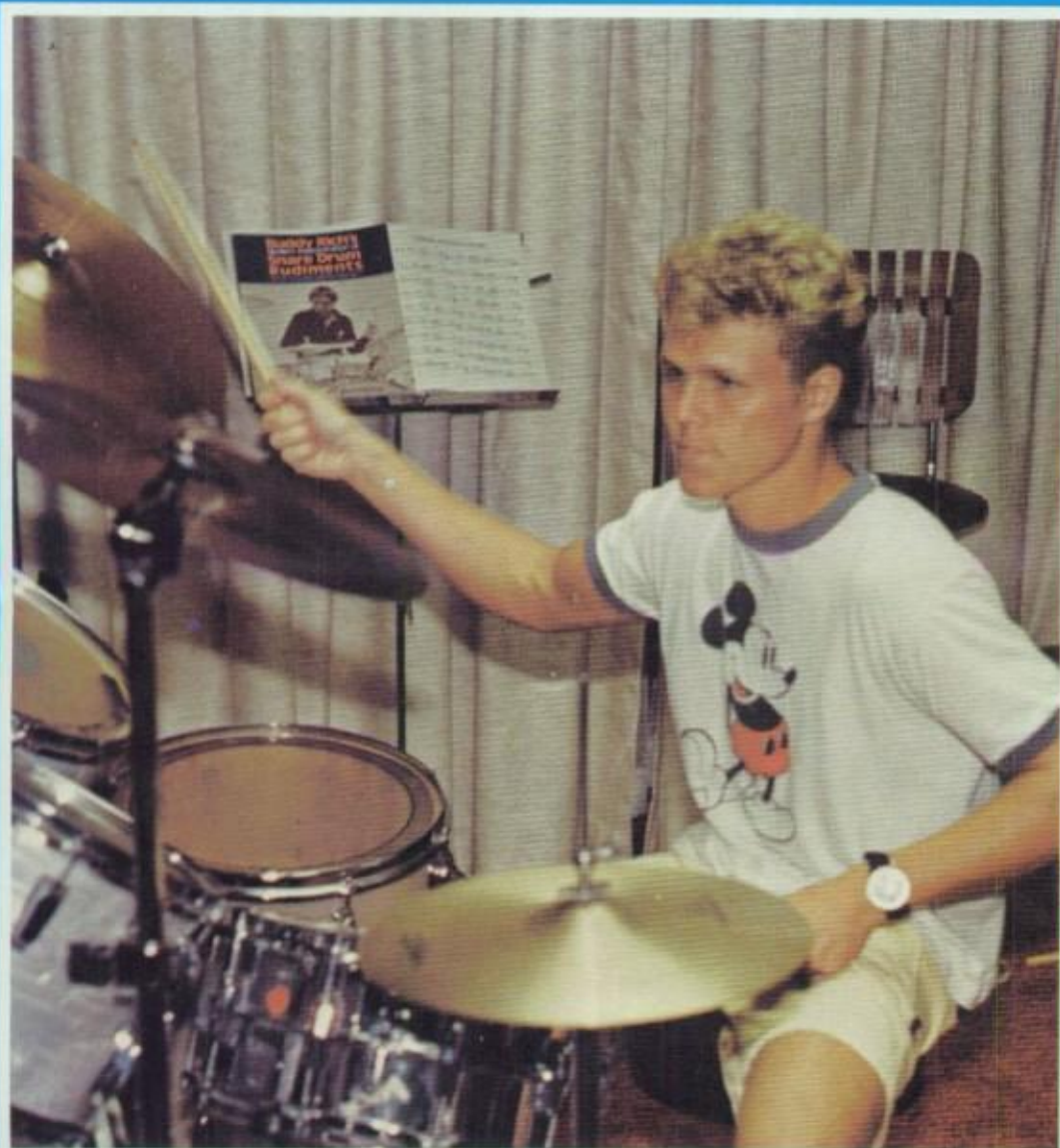
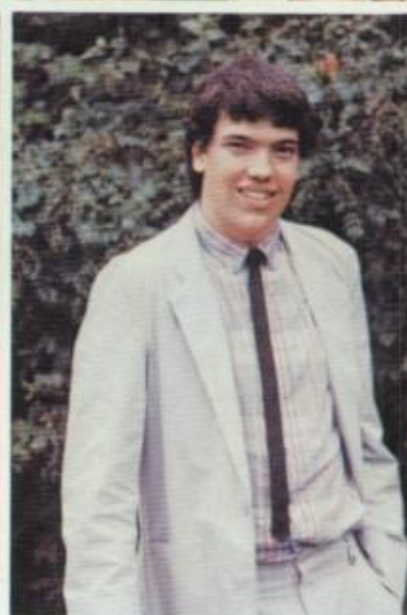
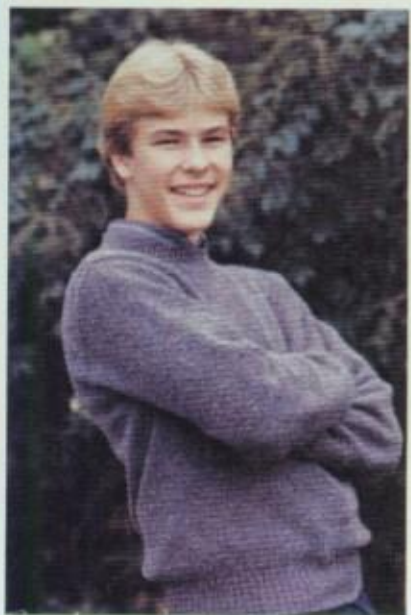


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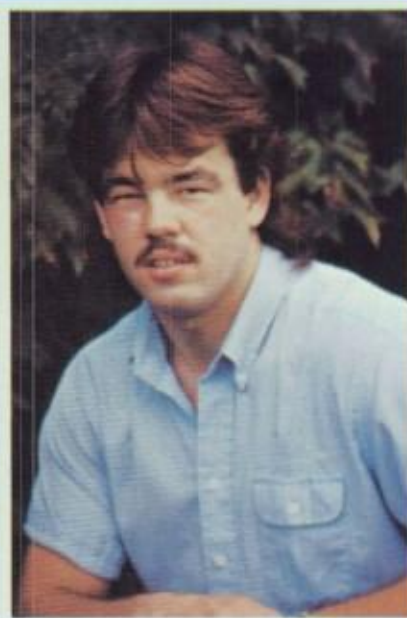


Senior Sounds

"One, two . . . one, two, three, four" were the famous words heard by many Seniors who participated in bands. Many found this a productive way to relax and be with their friends, while others found it a great way to participate in school-related extracurricular activities.

Seniors in the school band also found many added advantages, such as free admission to football and basketball games and trips to Florida and other nice places as a reward for their dedication. However, being a musician was not all play. Many long hours went into the many different pieces and styles of music that were played by the artists. Some even made up their own music and songs with many of their ideas coming from "Out of the Blue."

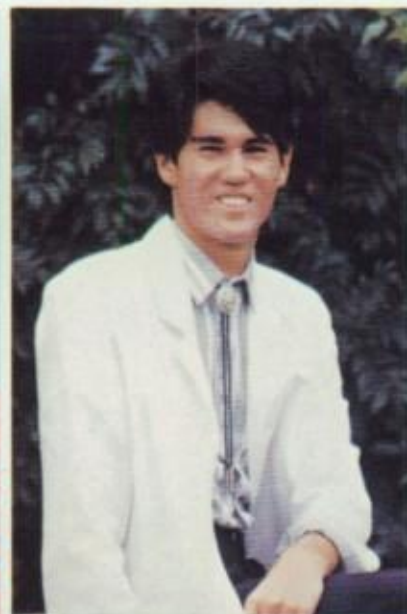
Realizing that practice makes perfect, Scott Rhoads plays his drums in his spare time to keep in musical shape. (D. Elliot)



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Myndie Miller
Pam Miller
Patrick Miller*



*Renee Morgan
Robin Morgan
Tammy Moore
J. Muckenfuss*

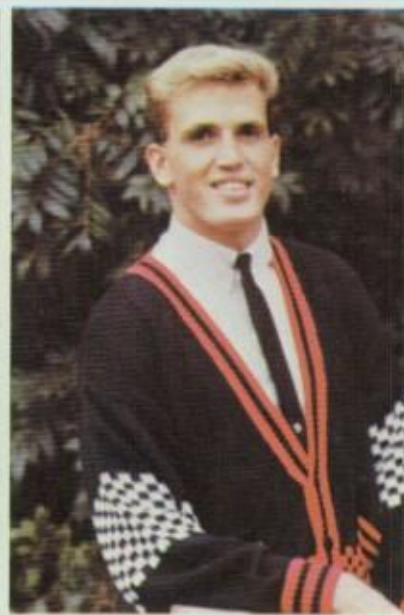


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Richard Niles
Frank Norton*

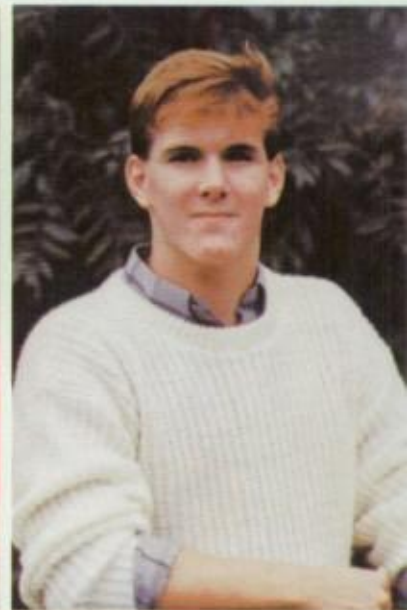
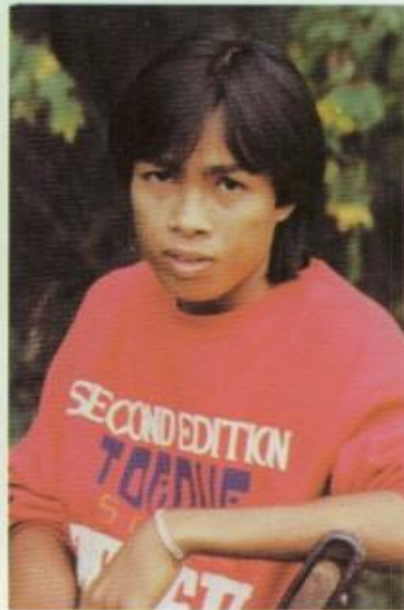


*Jim Olson
Patty Painter
Jinah Park
Misty Peoples*

Nancy Petty
Rene Phelps
Craig Putman
Kay Quick



Sebo Ragsdale
Zim Rasald
Phouvhany Rattana
Kirk Raybon



Lori Reece
Bernard Reese



Jill Regan
Larry Reynolds



Decisions

It was that time again! Students keeping their fingers crossed that they would be accepted by the college of their choice. Senioritis, or the desperation to finish high school, was strong when it was time to fill out applications. It took many hours of research, but most students already had many possibilities.

The counselors were busy with questions, excitement, and hesitation as the seniors waited for that special letter. When that letter did arrive, most students were overcome with excitement. But through this anxiety, students realized that an old chapter of their lives was about to close and a new one about to open. This reward for accomplishing the past 4 years was a much appreciated one with all the eagerness of becoming a college freshman. Graduates would soon say good-bye to Ragsdale, but the memories would live on forever!

Finding help with Mrs. Rimmer, Ken Leonard makes plans for college. (M. Hodgins)



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 Dawn Ridge
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 Gina Rose*



Greg Rudd

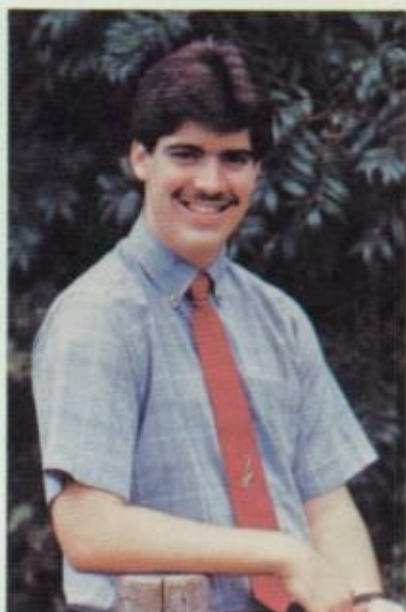


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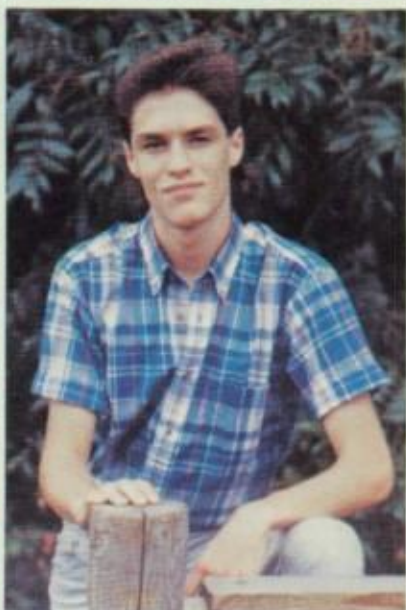
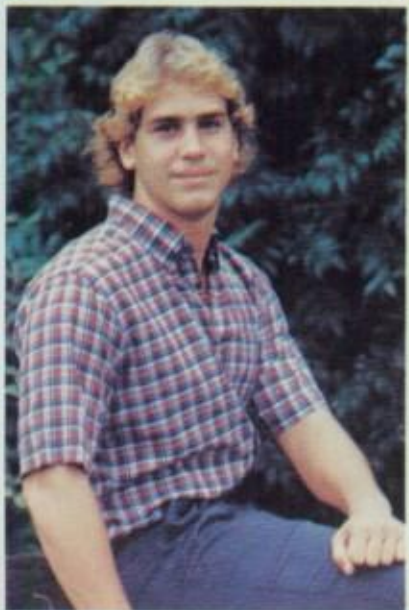
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Courtenay Shaw
Nili Singh
Dennis Slnk
Kim Sloop



Chip Smith
Jay Smith
Chris Smith
Klm Smith



Ashley Snead
Michael Spivey
Bobbi Stockard
Ashley Stone



Changing Places

How would it feel to visit someone in another country and then bring them home with you? This summer Ashley Stone found out. She got the chance to experience traveling in Europe with a French girl, Agnes Mandray, and her family. Afterwards, Ashley's family returned the favor by hosting Agnes in a fun-filled trip to America.

Ashley's travels began early in the summer after the French Club's Europe trip. She went to stay with Agnes' family in their Paris home. The two girls visited the Riviera and shopped quite frequently but saved some time to tour the area.

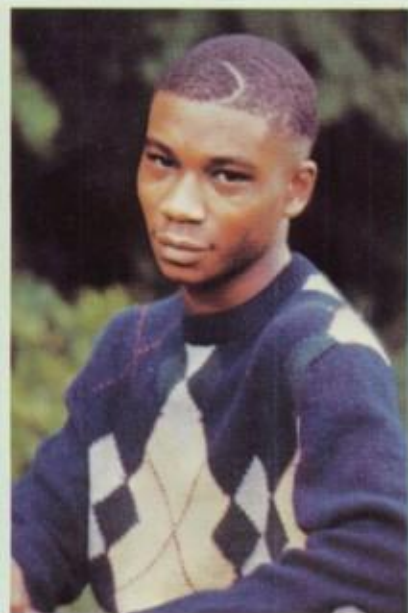
When they arrived in America, Ashley's family took Agnes to New York and Washington, D.C. She got to experience American movies, Putt-Putt, and schools when she attended Ragsdale for a week.

Ashley now has a true friend from another part of the world. She says, "It's funny how people that live so far apart can be so much alike!"

Lounging at home, Ashley Stone and Agnes Mandray enjoy the summer. (C. Stone)



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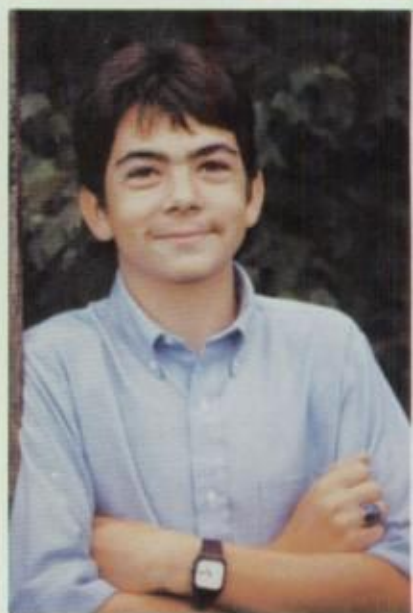


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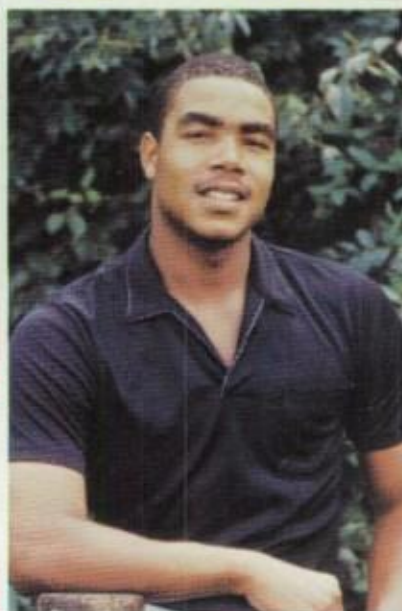
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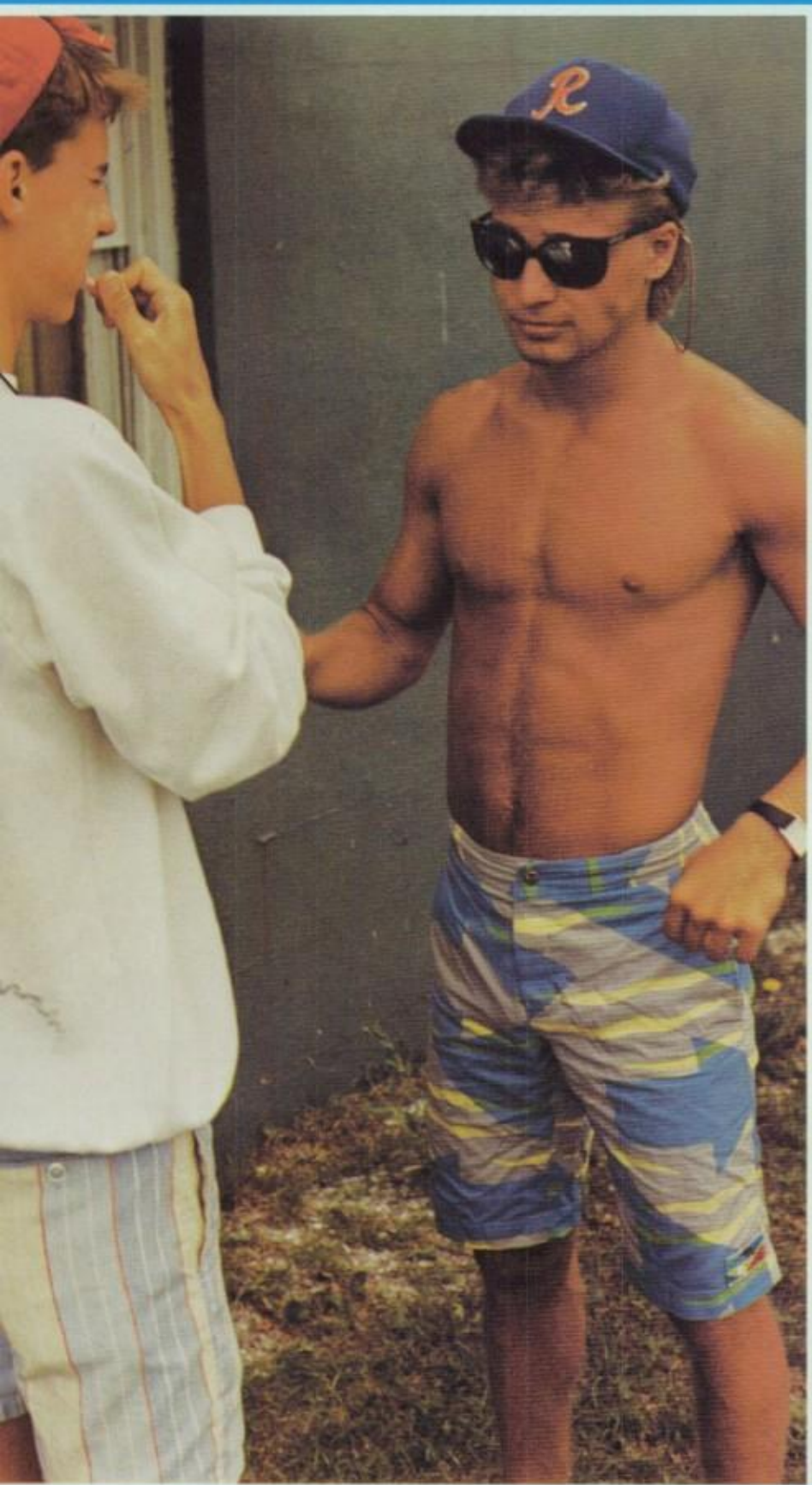


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Ulysses Welch
Nevin Westurn



Shelley Whaley
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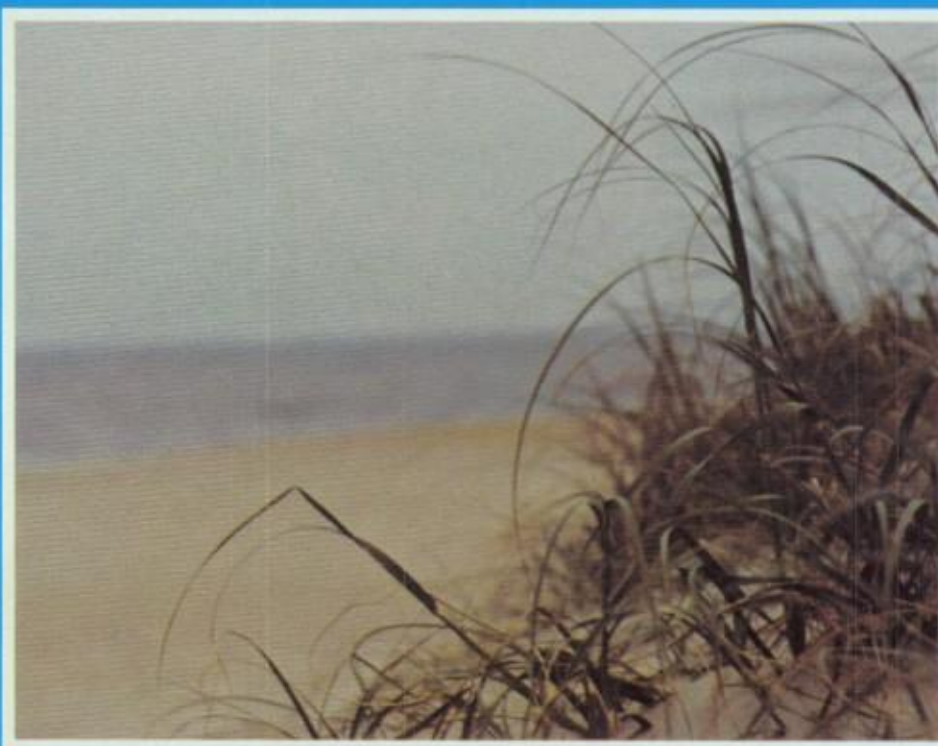


A Tradition

Throughout the years, the Senior beach trips have become a tradition. These events start during spring break, then continue with the quick weekend trips, and finally peak with the grand finale after graduation.

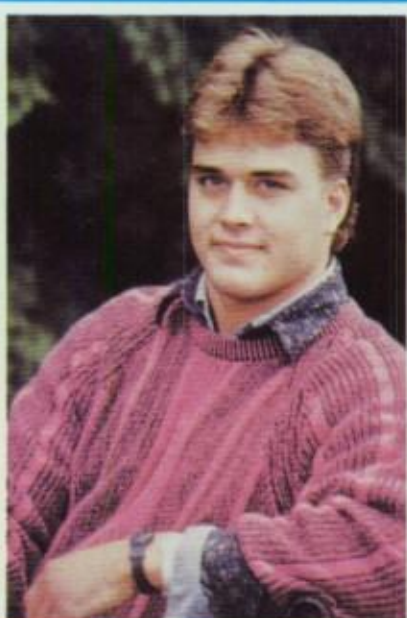
Once at Myrtle Beach, the days are generally spent basking in the sun, walking on the beach, or swimming in the ocean. The daytime

activities included water skiing or shopping at Ocean Drive. Night life at the beach included wild parties, cruisin' the strip or hitting one of the hot clubs of Myrtle. Although all who go have a great time, some problems arose, such as getting off work or getting in trouble with the law.



Beauty for the beholder, the dunes are a pretty sight. (D. Elliott)

Making plans for the evening, Shannon Bishop and Jason Long converse beside their beach house.



David Williams
Barbara Williamson
David Wilson
Scott Wise

Picture It

Seniors are a very important part of any high school, and they deserve that special attention that all students want. For instance, their yearbook pictures which, for the past six years, have been small and black and white, should be more dignified than those of the underclassmen. They definitely are!

The seniors' pictures are shot in several poses before school starts. When the proofs arrive the students choose the pictures they want to order and to go in the yearbook. The pictures, which have been perfectly "touched-up" soon arrive, and the seniors feel very important. They're at the top.

Arranging two senior girls in different poses, these photographers appear to know what they're doing. (M. Hodgin)

Trying not to appear self-conscious, Sharon Horner smiles while her picture is taken. (M. Hodgin)



T.J. Yow
Kelly York
Shelley Yergler
Tom Wyble



Obeying a new rule, Laura Schrader places a parking sticker on her car. (S. Craven)

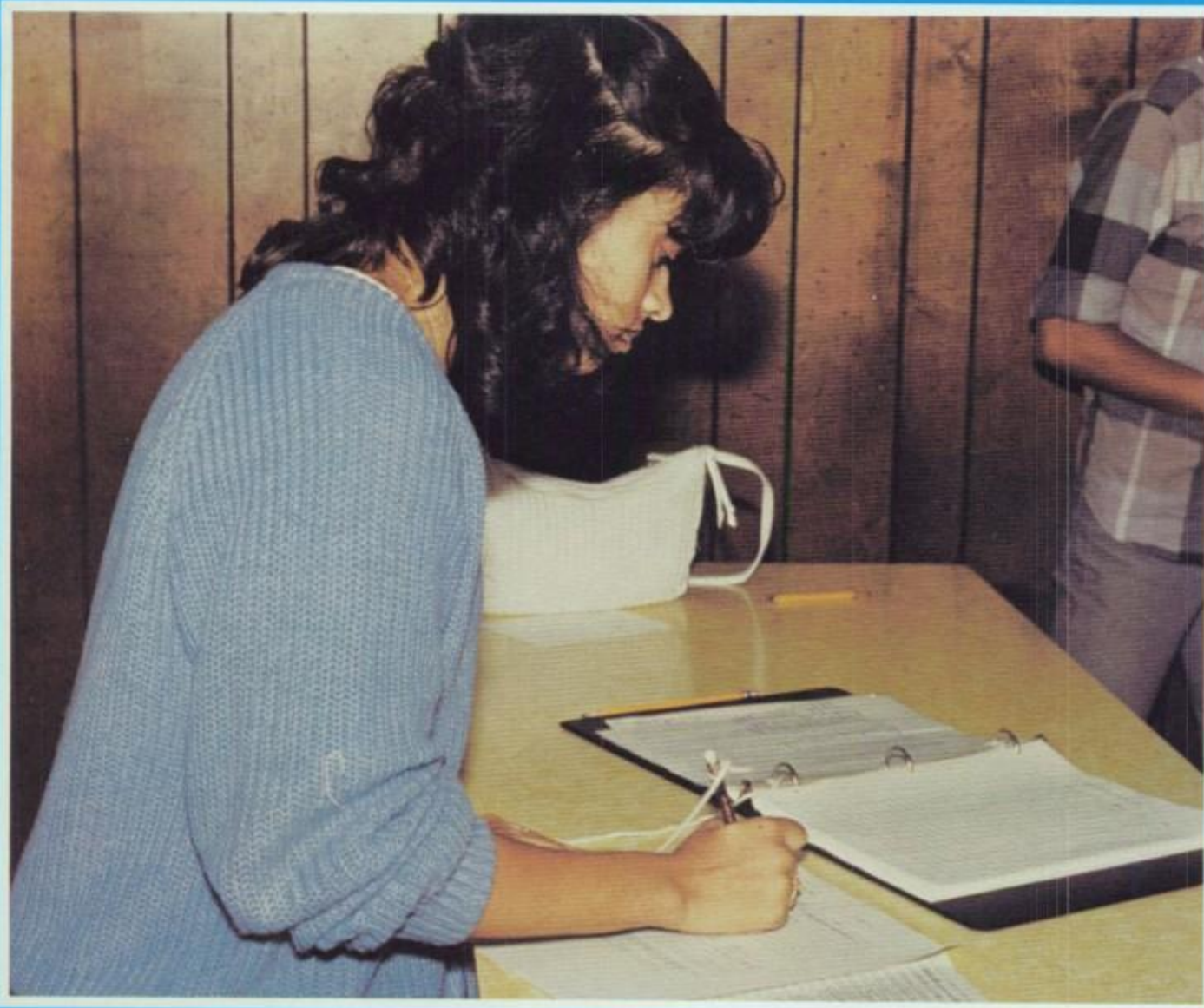


Registration

A new rule came into effect at the beginning of the school year. **ALL STUDENT CARS MUST BE REGISTERED.** Each student who drove to school was required to fill out a registration form and place a sticker on the back left section of his rear windshield. The registration fee was \$1.00.

Many students objected to this new rule. They disliked the fee and did not want to place a sticker on their car. Many students refused to register their cars until prompted by Dr. Dalton and Mr. Raybon.

School authorities threatened to have cars without stickers towed.



Filling out the necessary form, Nili Singh registers her car. (S. Craven)

Togetherness

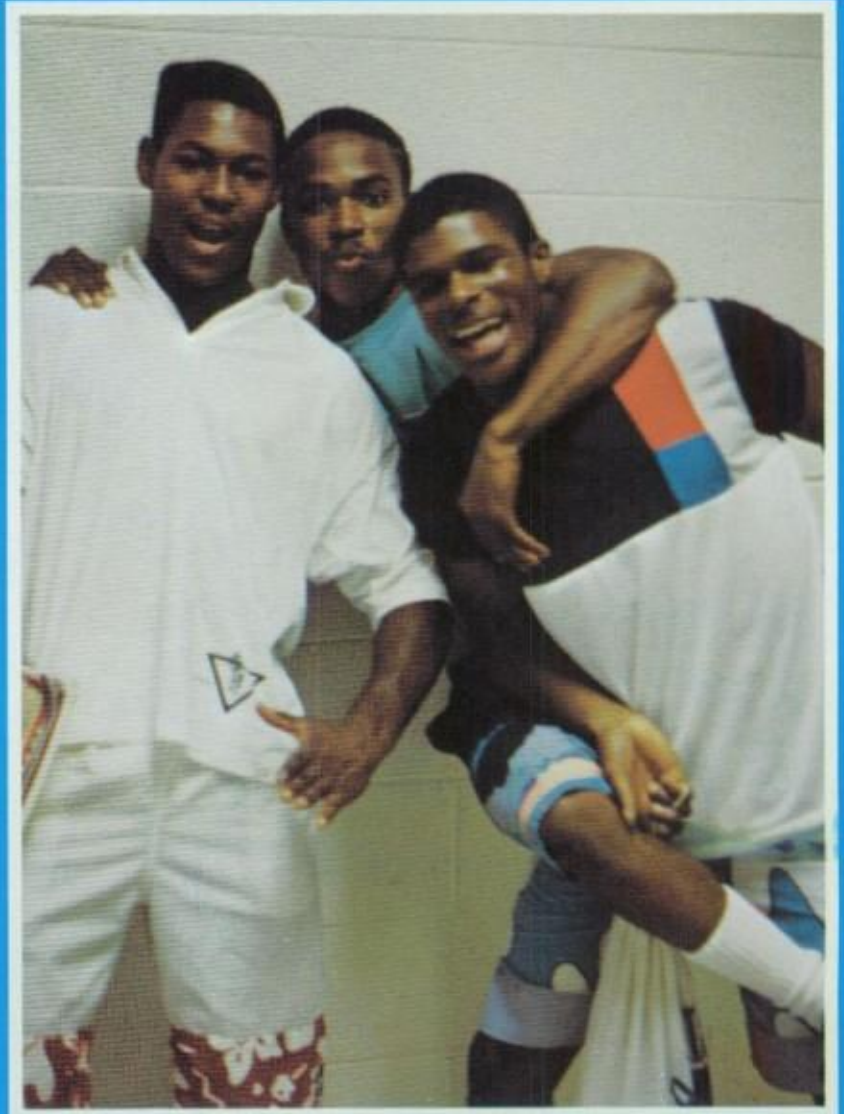
The 1986-1987 students loved to be together. Throughout the year, the highlights of the school days for many were seeing and spending time with their friends.

Whether clowning around or talking seriously, spending time with friends was a good way to relax and ease the pressures of academic life. Groups of friends were always seen talking in the commons area, in the halls, by their lockers or, to their teachers' dismay, in class.

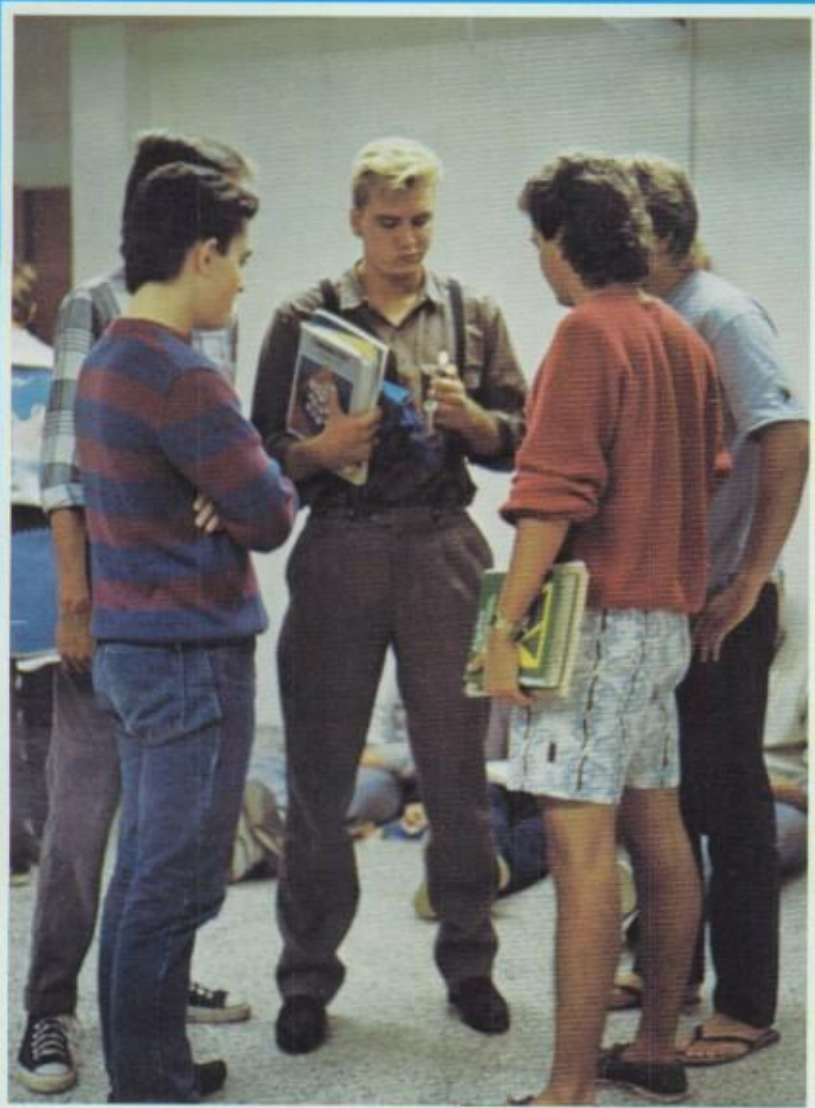
Friends also took turns driving to and from school. This was not only a way to save gas, but also a good way to discuss the previous evening's events and the following day's plans.

Most close friendships, however, were made during out-of-school hours. Evenings and weekends were packed full of activities that included one's closest friends. Overall, the most important characteristics of a friendship were the mutual respect and admiration that the students showed each other.

Clowning around in the front commons, Sheldon Williams, Jody Godbolt and Andra Rosbor smile for the camera. (R Garner)



After school, Peter Cienek, Tom Wyble, Moni Goude, Wendy Edwards, Scott Craven, Lianne Dickson and Jeff Hodgins crowd together. (L. Schrader)

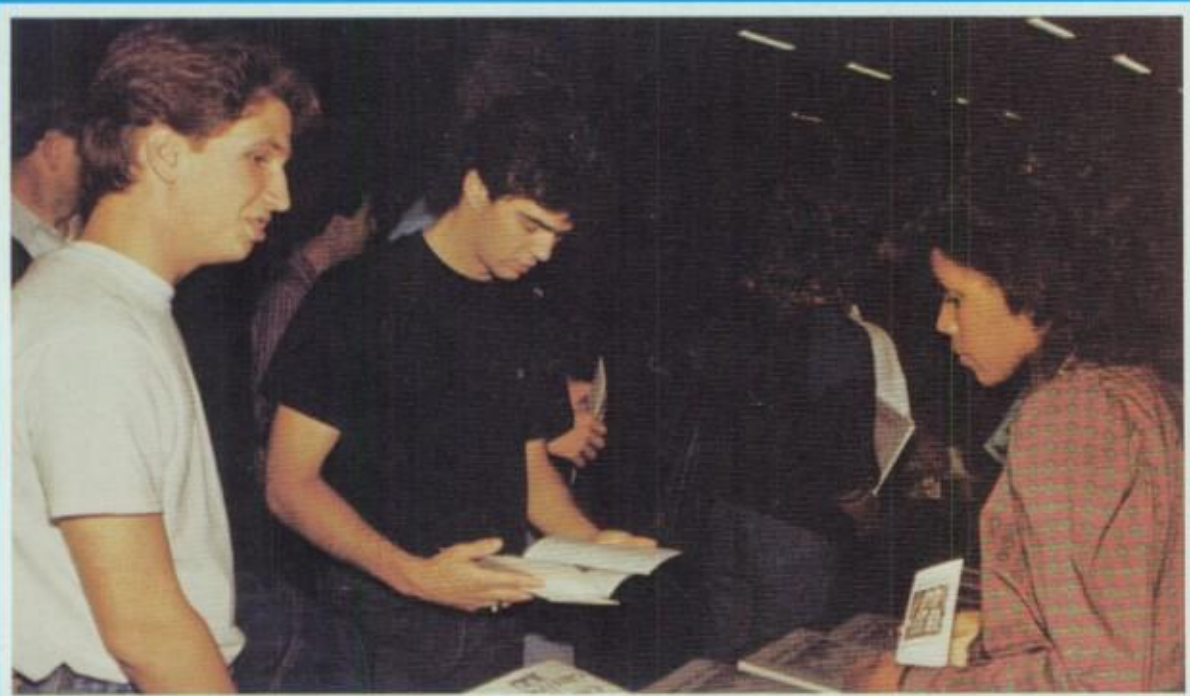


Flicking his lighter, Joey Rogers contemplates setting fire to his Chemistry book as Sebo Ragsdale and Mark Cassady look on. (R. Garner)

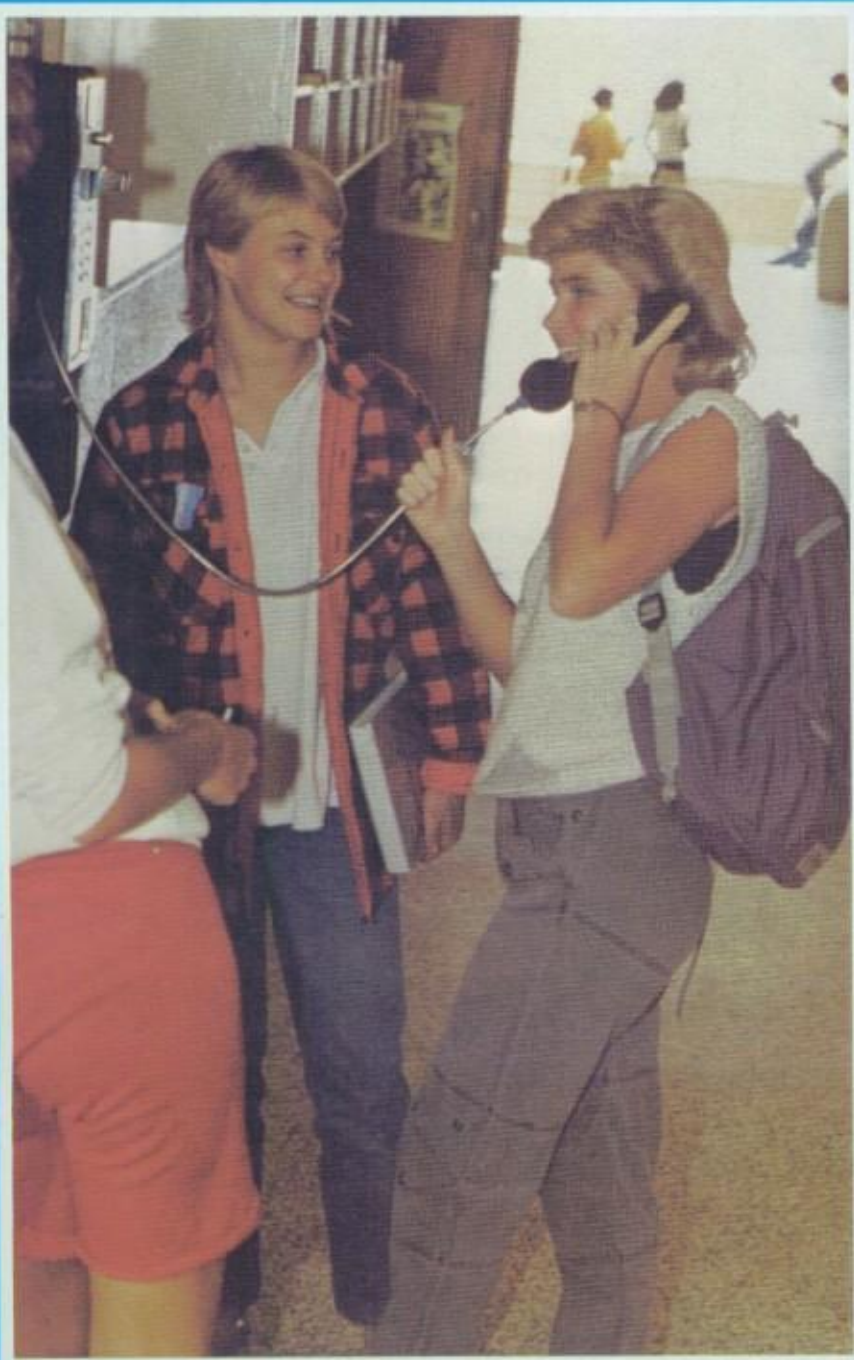
Proving that friends love to be together, this group of Seniors huddles together for a group shot in the commons. (R. Garner)



Enjoying their freedom at a Friday night football game, Chris McKay, Bill Maerlander, Joey Perez and Rick Miller show their school spirit while Tammy Epting proudly displays the miniature football that she has just caught. (D. Elliott)



During college night, Todd Coggins asks questions as Ted Broach reads a brochure. (M. Hodgin)



Enjoying an amusing conversation, Delynn Corn talks on the telephone while Elizabeth Hole grins at her. (D. Elliott)

The Final Chapter

“C”ould it be? Could we finally be seniors?” Many seniors asked themselves this question and wondered aloud where time had gone. Although all Seniors were anxious for graduation, most of them had to admit that they would be sad to be separated from their close friends. But there were many more exciting things to look forward to — the summer; the Senior beach trip, overseas vacations, and lots of celebration as well as college in the fall and new jobs.

Above all, the Seniors would always have many memories made at Ragsdale to treasure. They had survived four years of high school and were getting ready for life in the real world.



Discussing the problems of boyfriends, Lisanne Dickson worries aloud as friend Laura Schrader listens understandingly. (S. Craven)

CLASS OF 1988

The class of 1988 was almost at the top! The Juniors were overjoyed to think that they only had one more year of high school, and that two years were already behind them.

As Juniors, these students were taking on new responsibilities and handling them well. Since most Juniors could al-

ready drive, they just added more activities to their busy schedules. They frequented football, basketball and soccer games, as well as club meetings. Since they were among the oldest students in the school, underclassmen began to look up to them.

Juniors also began to make plans for college. They visited

college campuses, studied admission requirements and some even filled out applications.

Their first year without a physical education class, juniors now had more choices as to which classes to take. But their classes got harder too, and often they had homework in every subject.



Taking a break, Juniors Allen Williford and John Howdeshell discuss life. (S. Craven)



Junior Class Officer: Joey Perez, President; Tami Trottier, Treasurer; Lori Bryant, Vice President; and Tammy Epting, Secretary. (D. Elliott)



Abby Austin
Betsy Bailey
Sophia Baker
Rob Baldwin
Adam Baldwin
Adam Balevic
Asia Barnes
Derek Barts
Ronnie Beach

Beth Beisner
Melanie Bell
Robert Bell
Walter Bilbro
Tracy Bodenheimer
Jerry Bolin
Suzanne Bondurant
Delynn Bostic

Matt Bowman
Tracy Boyd
David Boyles
Jeff Boyles
Janet Brandon
Jennifer Brower
Jami Brown
Steve Bruton



Lori Bryant
Meghan Buffey
Terez Bullock
Sheila Burnell
Melissa Burney
Scott Byrd
Angela Campbell
Chip Campbell



Lee Catoe
Tim Caudle
Michelle Chambers
Dawn Chensuaky
Tasha Clark
Kim Clayton
Melody Coggins
Charrisse Collins



Amy Coward
Jimmy Craft
Sandi Crafton
Shonna Crenshaw
Michelle Crumpler
Tracy Cruthis
Greg Deatherage
Chad Dennis



Gerald Dillard
Charlotte Dixon
Sarah Douglass
Eric Dove
Ritchie Driggers
Brett Drinkard
Rob Duff
Joseph Dunlap



Steve Dunn
Ashley Eaton
Tonya Edwards
Allison Elkins
Samantha Ellington
Chris Elliott
Chris Enter
Tammy Epting



Jennifer Faircloth
Cindy Fields
Paul Fleming
Brian Flinchum
Kim Flowers
Billy Flynn
Beth Foster
Denise Fowler



Kara Frazier
Kevin Frost
Mike Gailey
Michelle Gleason
Lynn Godwin
Renee Godwin
Lee Grisset
Karen Hafele



Jonathan Haney
Sami Hanna
Kelly Harrison
Leslie Harrison
Suzanne Harrington
Daniel Haynes
Tommy Hazelwood
Amy Hegner



Work Pays

The bell rang, and the school day was finally over. It was time to go home, eat, and relax. Of course there was homework, but the hardest part of the day was finished. However, for some juniors, the working still went on. They had jobs ranging from fast food joints to department stores, and free time didn't come easy. Some students had to go directly to work from school while others had the time to go home first. It seemed hard and took a lot of time, but when the paycheck came in there was a great feeling of satisfaction. That sweater you had really been wanting could finally be yours. The date you had longed for at a fancy restaurant with the girl of your dreams could be a reality. Does that mean the only reason the juniors worked was for money? No, because there was a lot of experience that was learned, and this experience could last a lifetime.

Working at Belk's at Westchester Mall, Tammy Epting gets the inside scoop on the new clothes to buy. (M. Hodgin)(photo)



Preparing food at Henry James' Barbeque is only one of Deana Snider's responsibilities. (M. Hodgin)



Spending the evening at Julie's Ice Cream, Billy McKee wonders what else he could be doing. (M. Hodgin)

Week Ends!

"Checking out the action" at the Homecoming dance, John Reben, Jon Howedshell, and Chris Martin make their way through the crowd. (S. Craven)

Even though most Juniors were ready for the weekend by Thursday, they came to find that the extra wait was well worth the price.

At 2:40 on any Friday the sound was heard of lockers slammed and wheels spun as the class of '88 took off the weekend. For many it meant a couple of days of R and R, but even for those who worked on the weekend it was a welcome break from the monotonies of school.

During the weekends, Juniors seemed to find something to do if it meant just going to the mall or kicking back and watching TV or even hitting the slopes; there was always some type of excitement. But even more than getting out of school, they enjoyed the night life. These activities included dances, wild parties, and dates.

In the end, the Junior class still saw school as but a small sacrifice when the weekend rolled around.



Albert Henderson
Barbara Henrickson
April Hill
Kristie Hines
Todd Hobaugh
Jeff Hodgins
Jonathan Holden
Brad Holobaugh



Rhonda Hopkins
Laura Houseworth
Jeff Hughes
Kevin Hughes
Scott Humble
Janie Hunt
Angie Jackson
Brent Jackson



Nevada Jackson
Ray Jackson
Scott Jagow
Rhonda Jiles
Luther Johnson
Natalie Johnson
Ted Johnson
Tim Johnson



Travis Johnson
Mary Joyce
Sherry Joyner
Lisa Kester
Mandy Kester
Krystol Key
Gary Lidd
Chris Killian



Seeing what's happening tomorrow night, Jeff Hughes talks to Kelly Newman at one of the many Ragsdale parties. (S. Craven)



Junior Kim



Min Lim



Cindy Krkland



Renee Kissner



Matt Larrick



Chris Leonard
Cindy Lewis
Tammy Lewis
Bobby Lewis
Nicloe Lipinski
Shannon Lilly
Sonya Little
Bob Long

Sonya Long
Deanna Lookabill
Larry Lookabill
Carrie Loper
Todd Lovette
Donnie Maness
Scott Mann
Terry Mansell

Phillip Marlowe
Lee Marshall
Chris Martin
Jordan Martin
Kim Mashburn
Kim Matlock
Doug Matthews
Julie Maynard

Monica McCall
Nicole McCormick
Annie McCoy
Leslie McDonald
Chris McKay
Billy McKee
Kevin McNeely
Corey McQueen

Ange Miller
Lynette Moore
Wendy Moore
Tracy Morton
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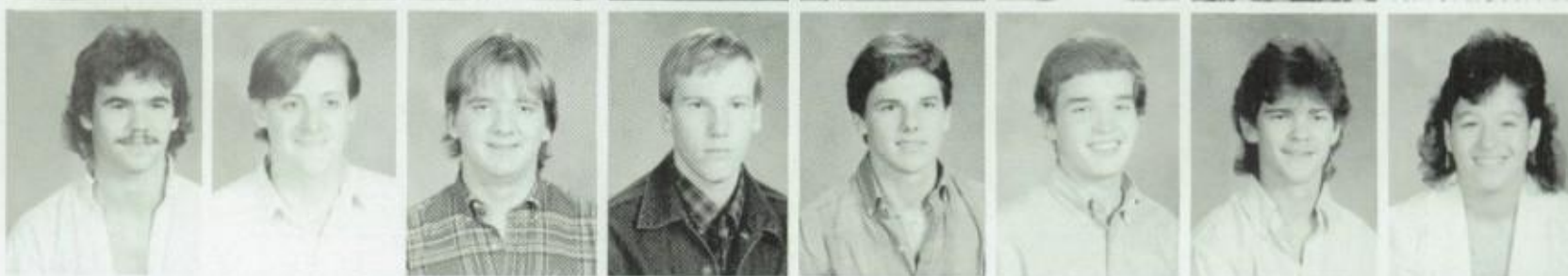
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Kim Poe
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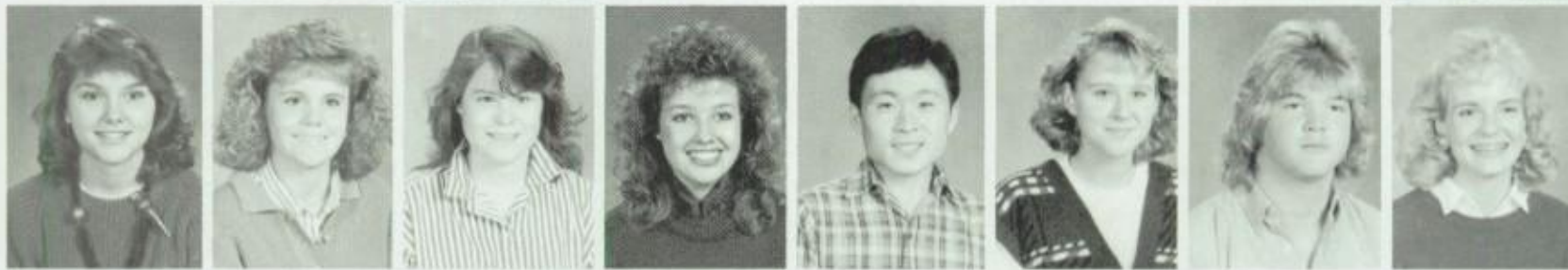
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Becky Sykes
Heather Teague
Mark Thacker
Stephen Thomas
Dawn Threatt



Karen Titus
Brooke Tolbert
Lora Toler
Tami Trottler
David Tsui
Karen Turner
Steve Turner
Kristie Wagner



Tim Walker
Dawn Wall
Lenore Walton
Nancy Ward
Marvell Washington
Deanna Watts
Candi Westbrook
Shelton Williams





Melissa Williamson
Teresa Williamson
Allen Williford
David Willis
Roger Wilson
Tina Wilson
Deanna Winchester
Amy Woodburn



Michelle Wright
Kim Wyatt
Sandi Yaskiewicz
Randall Yow

Spirited

During Spirit Week before Homecoming, Ragsdale's school spirit shone brightly by all classes especially the Junior class, who won the spirit meg at the homecoming pep rally. Spirit Week was composed of days such as, Injury Day, Fifties Day, Toga Day, Blue and White Day, and Undercover and Hush Button Day where students were permitted to show how crazy they really were. Ragsdale's school spirit was shown in overwhelming amounts, but the climax finally came with an astonishing victory for the football team over Trinity (68-6) proving that Ragsdale is undeniably the best.



Concentrating intensely, Junior Matt Bowman shares his school spirit by painting Senior Lisanne Dickson's face. (S. Craven)

Working diligently, Lori Bryant shows her school spirit by helping with the Junior banner. (S. Craven)

CLASS OF 1989

Being relieved of the title "FRESHMAN" is the most well-liked characteristic of becoming a sophomore. The sophomores this year were a bubbly bunch with much to offer and they accepted their position in the social rank of Ragsdale with much appreciation. Unlike past years, the sopho-

mores were well-liked with the upperclassmen and were included in many of their after school activities.

Along with the glory of being a sophomore though, left one cold, hard fact . . . most of the sophomores were too young to drive. This was a nagging problem, but thanks to many under-

standing drivers, these students could find ways to get around.

This problem, along with harder classes made the year of '86 challenging for the Sophomores, but overall, they turned out to be a fun class with spirit to be proud of!



Sophomores Class Officers are: M. Johnson, Treasurer, M. Dick, Vice President, J. Holland, President, and Kim Volz, Secretary. (S. Craven)



With a look of astonishment, Susan Tuttle and Amanda Newbill share a typical sophomore conversation. (S. Craven)

Shara Ammen
Renee Anderson
Adrienne Austin
Kelly Austin
Elizabeth Ayers
Scottie Bailey
Shanna Ball
Teresa Beck



Angela Bell
Chad Berry
Hezekiah Best
Toni Binaman
Marc Birchett
William Bird
Dan Bivens
Lorie Blackwell





Darius Bostic
 Stephanie Boulware
 Tamara Boyles
 Lisa Bozarth
 Scott Branch
 Robert Brower
 Bobby Bryant
 Ricky Buckner

Jim Bullock
 Eric Butler
 Jonathan Caine
 Mike Carter
 Sheila Carty
 Suzie Cash
 Julie Cashatt
 Tracy Cheek

Jennifer Christain
 Regina Christain
 Melissa Ciccone
 Carrie Clark
 Chuck Clark
 Marcia Clark
 Cindy Coleman
 Ashley Cook

Michael Corley
 Cindy Corner
 Anthony Craft
 Deanna Cruet
 Wilma Curlee
 Dao Dang
 Mike Daniels
 Mark Davis

Henry Dick
 Michelle Dick
 Molly Dickinson
 David Dildine
 Mark Dixon
 Steve Dula
 Darren Dunlap
 Jennifer Dunn

Bob Dunnagan
 Carmen Eaton
 Angela Edgerton
 Tammy Elks
 Michael Ellis
 Myra Ellis
 Jeff Evans
 Todd Farlow

Kelley Flynn
 Shannon Foy
 David Frantz
 Mark Gailey
 Stacy Gilreath
 Tommy Glisson
 Tom Godfrey
 Tim Godwin

Mike Gonneville
 Gayla Grant
 Cyndi Greer
 Jennifer Greer
 Malinda Grice
 Dianne Griffin
 Chris Guin
 Kristy Haithcock

Anne Haney
 James Hardaway
 Scott Hardeman
 Patti Harris
 Deana Hasty
 Heather Hempstead
 Sara Hicks
 Jeremy Hill



Eating in the cafeteria, these girls enjoy the social atmosphere. (S. Craven)

Trying to find weekend plans, these sophomore guys compare ideas. (S. Craven)



*Jansey Hilliard
Jocelyn Hines
Leann Hodge
Justin Holland*



*Charlie Hollingsworth
Lisa Horner
Felicia Howard
Leigh Howard*



*Craig Hudson
Leah Hungate
Amelia Hunt
Cissy Hunt
Tyler Hunter
Ken Hylman
Marcus Ingram
Dana Jackson*



*David Jackson
Linda Jacobs
Deborah Jarett
Eric Jenkins
Amy Jones
Andrea Jones
Dianne Jones
Charlie Jones*





Social Sophomores

Although there were many painstaking hours put into homework and test preparation this year, there was also time for the important social life. Sophomores, who had become adjusted to the school's atmosphere, scheduled their days according to friends' and found that they had lots of time for socializing. Without homeroom and

break, there were lots of complaints, but between time before school, class change, and lunch, there was plenty of time to exchange gossip and make weekend plans. There certainly were a lot of plans to be made. With all of the athletic events and parties, there was hardly a dull moment for any of the sophomore class.



Learning the latest gossip, Carrie Clark talks with friends. (S. Craven)



Amy Johnson
Trudy Johnson
Tyrone Johnson
Vonda Johnson
Margaret Johnston
Rachael Justus
Beth Kennedy
Jason Kerchev

Jeffrey Kidd
Chung Kim
Soo Kim
Jeff Kinder
James Kiser
Corey Kissner
Adam Lasarsky
Vanessa Lilly

Amy Loflin
Kate Long
Coretta Little
Kimberly Mackie
Suja Madhure
Stephan Majors
Laura Martin
Todd Mason



Lisa Masso
Sabrina Matthews
Jenny Maxson
Alexandra Maynard



In Spare Time

One of the few things which last year's freshmen found less of in their Sophomore year was their amount of free time. Thus they learned to increase the pleasure of this valuable asset.

Many found a little extra time after they had finished lunch. The front commons was always busy throughout fourth period while students had time to slow down from class work and talk with friends. During class change, one could find time to exchange homework or find out what the test was on or just to have a friendly chat on the way to their next class. But this convenience of a longer class change didn't come without its regrets for the much needed break during fifth and sixth periods was taken from this year's schedule.

Even though it was hard to find spare time during school, a lot of Sophomores found time after school to meet even if it was at the expense of their grades. With so much more happening and one more step toward college the class of '89 never seemed to find that they had too much time on their hands.



Mason Mayo
James McCrae
Renisha McCullough
Suzanne McNeil
Adrianne McQueen



Kathi McQuillan
Heidi Menzel
April Merced
Cindy Meredith
John Meredith
Mary Meredith
Jennifer Miller
Rick Miller





*Kristie Misenheimer
Jenny Mitchell
Joey Mitchell
Mike Money
Michelle Moose
Ashley Morgan
Tyler Morgan
Edwina Moser*



*Jason Myers
Kirsten Neal
Amanda Newbill
Kelly Newman*



Waiting for the game to start, Kathy McQuillan, Patty Harris, and Judd Whitley share a humorous joke. (S. Craven)

Finding some extra time after lunch, Ken Wright, Darren Dunlap, and Marcus Ingram watch an amusing sight. (S. Craven)



*Donald Nicholson
Jeff Nicholson
Travis Oakley
Carlos Ochoa*



*Tricia Odham
Andy Otten
Sandi Painter
Bobby Palmer
Dionne Parson
Tonya Parson
Judy Perdue
Darren Phifer*

Keith Poindezter
Paulita Poindexter
Nancy Pope
Kristy Proctor
Dawn Pruden
J. T. Puckett
Vicki Puckett
Roy Radford



Mark Raynor



Rhonda Reddick



Amy Reid



Theatmus Rice



Tom Ridge



Jennifer Riggins



Dee Riley
Tina Ring
Nick Rini
Kenny Robbins
Kim Robertson
Andra Rosbor
Cy Ruth
Jason Schrader



Josh Schrader
Jay Schuck
Victoria Schnoyer
Mike Scott
Trent Shuping
Traleece Siler
Chris Simmons
Sue Sloop



Culture

Why take a foreign language class? Many students probably asked themselves this question. The answer? Because colleges require foreign language, it is fun to learn, fun to speak, all your friends are taking it, and because culture days are "grrreat!" these are all good reasons for taking French or Spanish.

Culture days were fairly frequent and plenty of fun at Ragsdale. Students in the classes prepared French or Spanish food using real French or Spanish recipes, and during class, everyone got samplings of tacos and tostadas or quiche and crepes. Each student got a daily grade for bringing a dish, and the plentiful leftovers were generously donated to other members of the faculty.

Students in the French club also used their cooking and baking skills to prepare food for the French faculty dinner in December. Ask any student — culture days helped make foreign language worthwhile!



Sampling a dish during Spanish culture day, Sophomore Sandi Painter helps herself as Lisa Westcott looks on. (S. Craven)

With looks of wonder on their faces, Sophomores Justin Holland and Amy Jones pause during crepe-making to eye Madame Wolf and question her ridiculous homework assignments. (S. Craven)



Alan Smith



Charlene Smith



Jerome Smith



Kenny Smith



Neil Somers



Tracy Southern



Wayne Southerland



**Stephen Spence
Mike Spencer
Brian Sprinkles
Kristal Stafford
April Steelman
Valerie Stevenson
Gretchen Stucka
Richard Sturm**

**Michael Strickland
Michelle Swinton
Cindy Thacker
George Thomasson
Christy Thompson
Janet Thompson
Mike Thompson
Dustin Tolbert**



Eva Toporek
Mike Turner
Susan Tuttle
Stephanie Underhill
Edwin Underwood
John Varner
Tiffin Vaughn
Kim Volz



Ellis VonCannon
Andre Walker
Jerry Wall
Tywana Wallington
Laura Ward

Help

Throughout the year, there were many opportunities for Sophomores to pitch in and help with group projects. Group effort was the way to go!

Many sophomores helped with class banners for spirit week. They worked during art class, after school or at each others' houses in the evening. Many sophomores could be seen on their hands and knees painting, drawing, cutting or pasting while working on these banners.

Another project Sophomores helped with was the French faculty dinner. Sophomores prepared food, served the teachers or helped with decorations. They also brought Spanish or French foods for culture days.



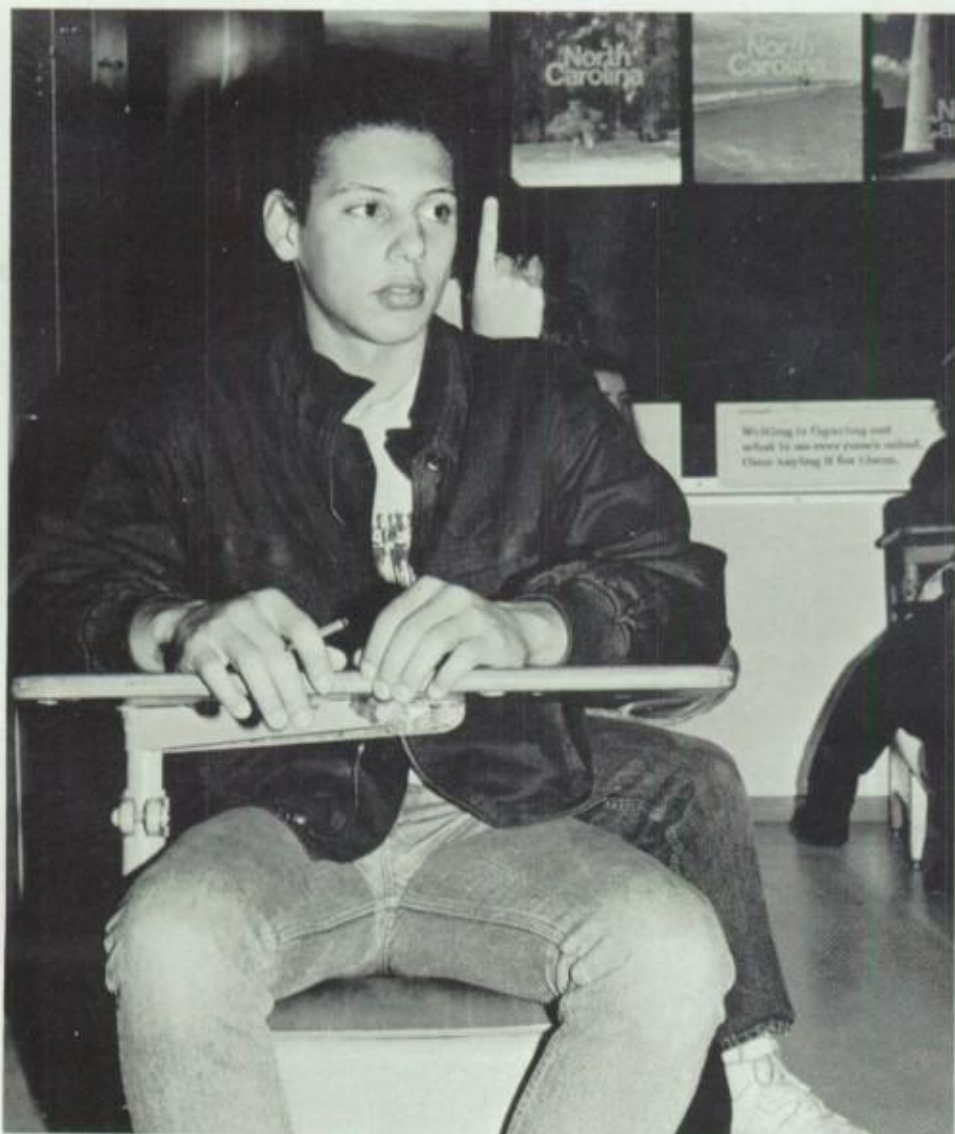
Working on the Sophomores' banner, Heidi Menzel paints a tiger. (S. Craven)



Toby Ward
Erinn Warnicke
Yolanda Washington
Daria Webb
Donna West
Lisa Westcott
Judd Whitley
Danny Williamson



James Wright
Ken Wright
Kyle York
Jason Young
Terrie Young
Mike Younts



COMPETENCY: A Break in Routine

As in years before, Sophomores took the North Carolina Competency Test in February of 1987. Teachers began to prepare students early in the year, and they stressed the importance of this test to the tenth graders.

Taking the competency test meant about six hours of multiple choice questions and an expository essay. For the other grades, it meant spending

as much as three hours in the same class. Almost everyone complained a little about spending extra time in a certain class, but at least it was a break in the ordinary routine of school.

Whether they liked it or not, all Sophomore students were required to take the test. And when it was all over, they breathed a sigh of relief and waited for the results.

Nervously anticipating the expository essay, Sophomore Eric Butler concentrates on the preliminary directions. (S. Craven)



Passing out No. 2 pencils, Mrs. Lockett helps get the test underway. (S. Craven)

The Big Move

The move from Jamestown Middle School to high school required many adjustments, and the Freshmen found that out. There was a big difference between being the oldest at school and the youngest. Nevertheless, they accepted that fact and started taking school seriously. Although the Freshmen were

new and teasing them was a must for most upperclassmen, they shortly became acquainted with the high school life and added a lot to the 1986-1987 school year.

Having been the largest class in the school, the Freshmen added many fans to the football and basketball games. Surprisingly, there were even a

few that managed to "bum" rides to some of the upperclassmen's parties. It was just one of the ways that the Freshmen were striving to become accepted, and their work was worthwhile. By the end of the year, going places with older students became almost habitual. They had finally become a true part of the high school life.



Reading a letter, Susan Peelman and Kelly Henne pass the time. (S. Craven)



Freshman Class Officers: Amy Hardeman, Treas., Amy Dimidio, Vice Pres., Amy Long, Secretary (not pictured, Jason Minton, Pres.) (S. Craven)

Michelle Aiken
Jay Ainsley
Steve Allred
Patricia Arrington
Edward Balevic
Bart Ortiz
Kim Baynes
Julie Bell



Jennifer Bennett
Chad Bowman
Vincent Boyd
Donald Brewer
Regina Broddy
Kristina Brueckner
David Bunn
Michelle Carter





Ae Kyung Chang
Karyn Childress
Geoff Cienek
Oliver Coachman
Mark Coble
Sally Coleman
Terry Cornellson
Chris Constantini



Karyn Couvillion
Harrison Curtis
Le Dang
Chris Dantz
Minerva Dantzler
Freddie Davis
Will Dean
Barbara DeHart



Dwayne Dilliard
Wendy Dills
Amy Dimidio
Neil Dixon
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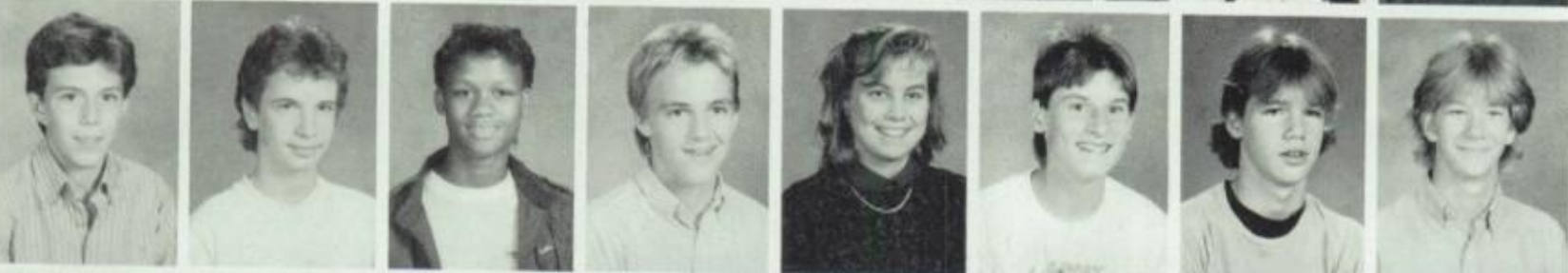
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Staci Ellison
James Emmell
Lamont Eppes
Ashleigh Evans
Ron Fitts
Jennifer Fleming
Amberly Flowers



Brian Floyd
Kory Flynn
June Frazier
Julie Freeman
Amy Gardner
Chris Garrison
John Garvin
Andrea Gholeston



Beth Gibson
Wendy Gibson
Bobby Gill
Keenan Glasgow
Gavin Glass
Chris Glover
Debbie Goodman
Jenny Goude



Tim Gray
Keith Greer
Jackie Griffin
Mark Hancock
Amy Hardeman
Cliff Harrison
Joey Harvell
John Harville



David Harward
Albert Henderson
Ryan Hennis
Ellen Hegner
Kelly Henne
Dana Hill
Ginger Hill
Sherry Hill



Diana Hilliard
Joe Hobbs
Dee Hooper
Steve Hopman
Kelly House
Lyndon Hubbard
Raquel Hubbard
Tim Ingram

To Be A Freshman . . .

What was it like to be the youngest out of four classes at Ragsdale? Well, we went to work in looking for the answer.

Kory Flynn represented the freshmen class: "Everyone picks on us and since most freshmen can't drive, we have to ask juniors and seniors to take us home." "At parties it's pretty good because juniors and seniors respect us for coming." Amy Long added: "You have more time to

be with your friends." Also Amy May and Amy Dimidio contributed by saying: "It's bad being an underclassman, but then again you meet a lot of new people and get to go to parties. It's a new experience!"

Overall, the freshman class of '87 began as a scared class experiencing new things and meeting new people. Regardless of the fact they were made-fun-of or called "freshman", they took the teasing with

heads held high and laughed it off with success. Freshmen usually joined the rest of the classes at games, parties, and other extra-curricular activities, as well as simply chatting in the halls.

The role of a freshman was a dreaded position over the past year, but this class handled it with much pride!

Chris Jacobs
Suzanne Jagow
Tammy Jarrell
Chris Jarrett
Holly Jeffries
Brian Johnson
Rochelle Johnson
William Johnson



Sandra Jones
David Joyner
Van Kamphuis
Sherry Kelly
Jason Kersey
Melanie Kinder
Stephanie Kiker
Paul Kirkland



Tracey Kirkman
Gregory Lain
David Lancaster
Amanda Lanier
Michael Larry
Arthur Lee
Dehaven Lee
Andrew Lemp



Amy Lewis
Michelle Lewis
Sandy Loflin
Amy Long
Preston Lyles
Mindy Mabe
Michael Maerlander
Stacey Malcolm

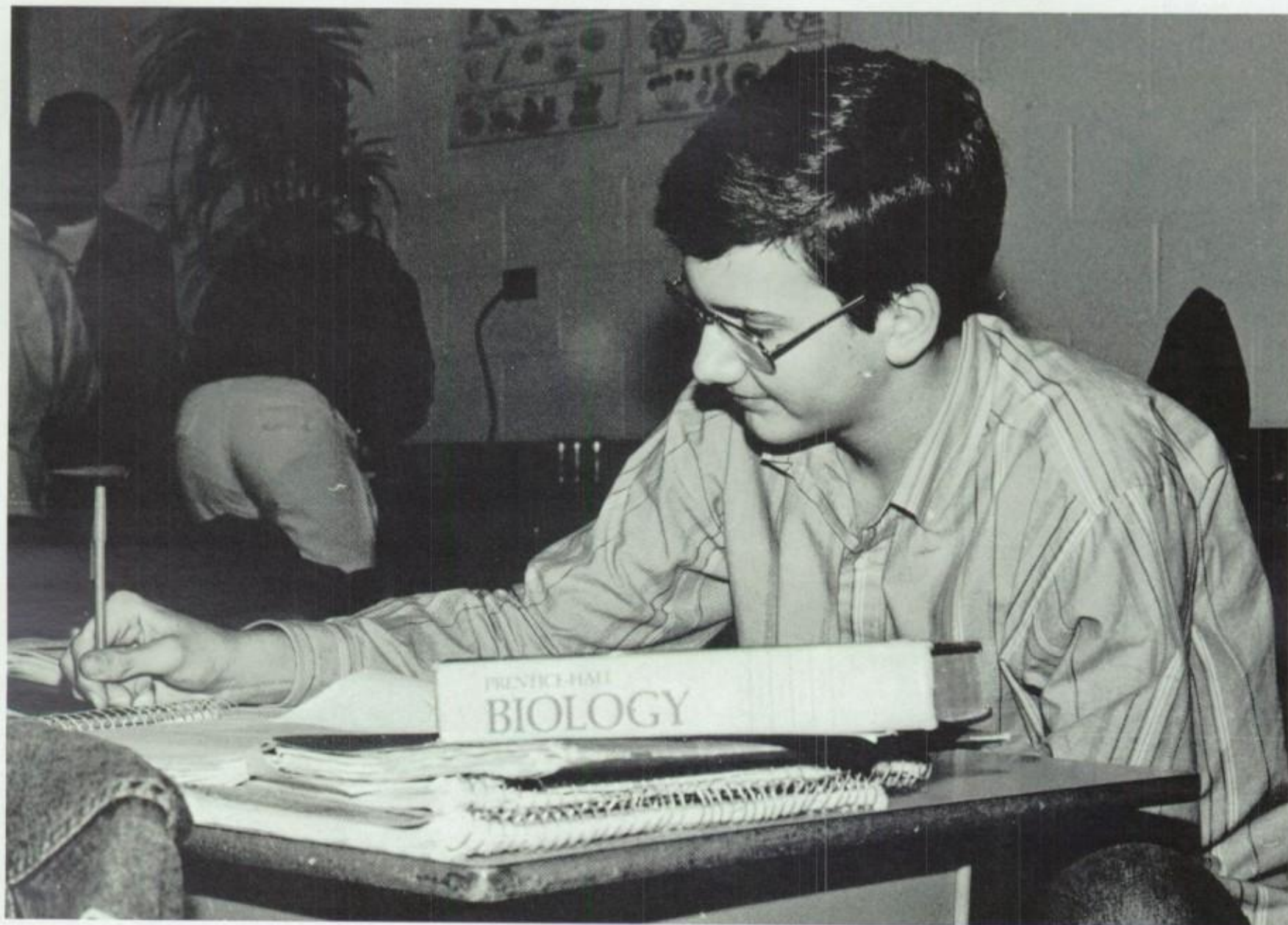


John Marks
Catherine Marshall
Catina Marshall
Chan Marshall
Kirsten Martin
Kristy Martin
Lee Martin
Amy May



Linda McBride
Michael McCormick
Stephanie McCormick
Robert McCullough
Brian McDonald
Katrina McDonald
Traci McGill
Michael McIntyre





Working hard to pass his courses, this freshman student works very diligently. (S. Craven)



After being distracted from their conversation, Natalie White, Kory Flynn, and Amy Long glance across the commons area. (S. Craven)

Kristie McMahon
Cindy Meredith
Jason Mertz
Cathy Miller
Jason Minton
Chris Morris
Jennifer Morris
Mike Moss



Blue Murrow
Michael Myer
Scott Nelson
Rodney Nesbitt
Mary Norris
Alicia Oakley
Heather O'Brian
Sean O'Neal



Wendel Parks
Susan Peelman
Kelli Pendleton
Geneva Phifer
Sandy Phillips
Valerie Poole
Jeff Pratt
Christy Preddy



Chris Prestridge
Jeff Pritchett
Gretchen Prochaska
Wesley Proctor
Tim Rager
Sonia Rector
Traci Riggsbee
Mike Roach



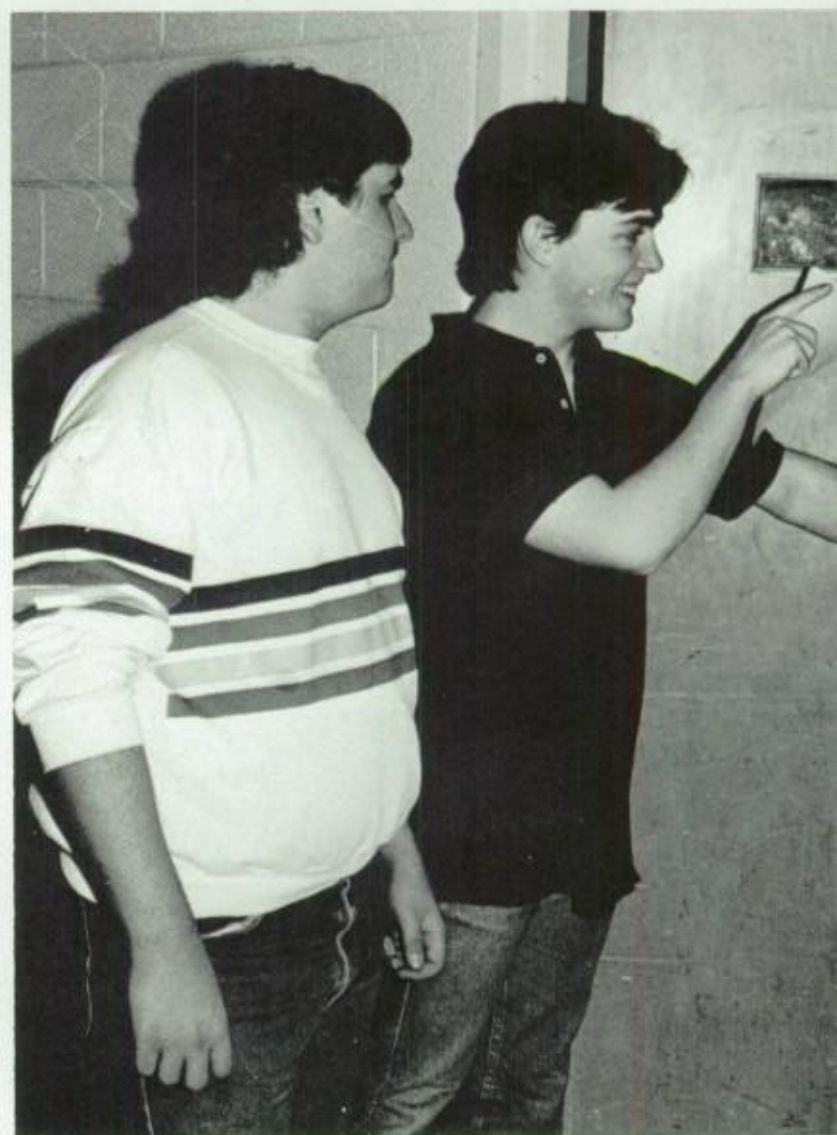
Chris Robinson
Kevin Roof
David Rose
Wendy Royce
Amy Runyan
Art Secor
Amy Sexton
Craig Scales



New Faces

As the tradition of the freshman class entering Ragsdale continued, many other new students came also. Some students found it hard to adapt to the new surroundings and people while others seemed to fit in and be at home. A few of the students had problems with the language barrier and found it necessary to learn English quickly. Guidance counselors became very helpful to these people. They helped students register for the right classes that would best suit their academic abilities. They also helped students plan their schedules to accommodate the number of classes they took. Guidance aides were also helpful to these students.

Showing this new student his classes, Sebo Ragsdale helps Steve Williams. (S. Craven)





Lee Anne Schuck
Renee Shealey
Renee Shearin
Steven Shipwash
Brad Shirley



Listening to his counselor,
Tony Nguyen receives help.
(S. Craven).

Discussing cameras with Mike Hodgin and Richard
Garner, Ron Compton learns more about photogra-
phy. (S. Craven)



Dina Sink
Angela Smith
David Smith
Avery Snead
Stephanie Southard
Carin Speckhard
Richard Statile
Mike Steele



Anthony Stevenson
Mick Stevenson
Eddie Stokes



Craig Stone
Susan Stone
Heather Stucka



Susan Stutts
April Surratt
Phillip Sutphin



Stranded

“What’s happening Friday night?” and “Where you going tonight?” were quite often heard by Ragsdale’s new Freshman class. Unfortunately for them, they weren’t often involved with the activities that took place on Friday and Saturday nights due to the fact that they were the only class that wasn’t able to drive. These nights usually found the Freshmen trying to find new and innovative things to do on sometimes boring nights. Many of the students of the class of ’90 ended up sitting at the house watching TV, walking around the neighborhood with others, having friends over for the night, or spending an evening with their parents. The fact that they couldn’t drive, though, didn’t hinder the Freshman class from going out for long because as the year progressed, most Freshmen got to know a few upperclassmen and were given rides to parties and such. Still, though, the class of ’90 was impatiently awaiting the day when they too would be able to drive.





Michael Swinton
Brian Thacker
Tony Thomas
Denise Thomasson
Greg Tippet
Christopher Tomlin
Terry Tullar
David Turner



Randy Turner
Richard VanHook
Freda Waters



Amy Wagner
Dana Wallen
Craig Westmore



Michelle White
Natalie White
Chris Williams



Faye Williams
James Williams
Brian Williard



Randy Williard
Jeff Wise
Shane Wray

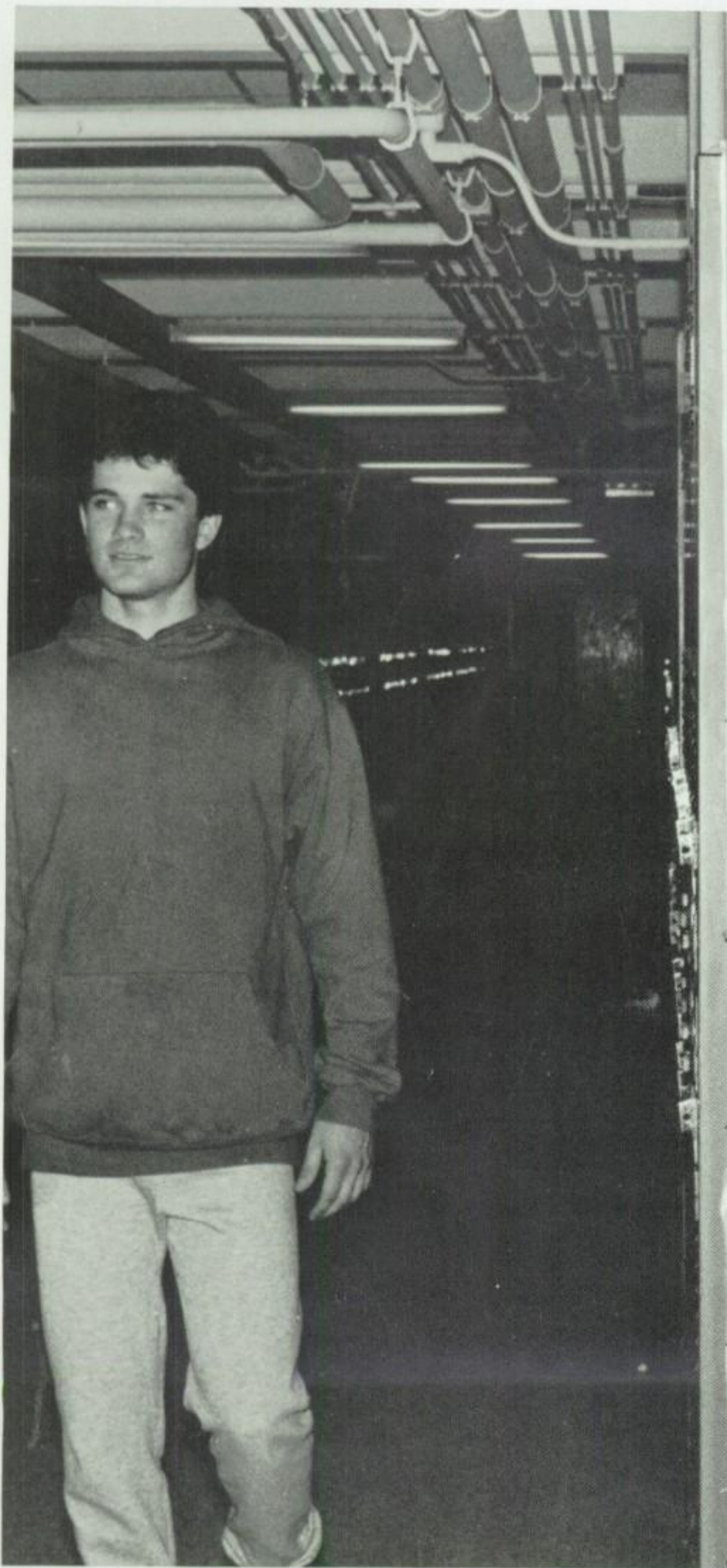


Kristel Wright
Allen Wyatt
Jimmy Wyatt



Tracey Yarborough

Sitting around the house on a Friday night, Wendy Royce finds some time to read her favorite magazine. (M. Hodgin)



Awaiting Randy Palmer, *Chris Killian prepares for his kill. (S. Craven)*

Gotcha!

"Freeze!" and **"Gotcha!"** were a couple of the expressions heard by an elite group of students who chose to make school a little more interesting by playing a game. This group of students met and made their own set of rules by which to play. These people were often seen sneaking through the halls, darting through doorways, and hiding behind corners. Each player had a predesignated person who they would "kill" for points, and the person at the end of a week, the player with the most points was the winner. However, this game was not limited to school time only. Players were seen at malls, games, and restaurants stalking their victim. These secret agents appeared from *"Out of the Blue!"*

Unaware of the pointed gun, Karen Titus Studies. (S. Craven)



Realizing he has been hit, David Boyles shows his dismay. (S. Craven)

Teachers: Friend or Foe?

Each year when we start fresh, we all wonder if we'll get the teachers we want. As always, the school year brought good and bad changes for the students, but nevertheless, Ragsdale teachers proved to be one-of-a-kind!

When you studied for that big test and received a 75, it was hard not to blame your teacher, right? Well, we all knew that our teachers weren't usually to blame and lack of studying might have just been the culprit.

Little did the students realize that throughout the year teachers were friends as well as disciplinarians and could help with academic or personal problems. Teachers were available for the students almost every-day after school and during lunch. An understanding attitude was always greatly appreciated, and this attitude was one that each teacher offered with a smile.

Now, the question has been answered . . . even though it sounds "out of the blue", teachers were helpful and patient **FRIENDS** to us all.

Foot-machine on

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loor until red light



Helping a student, Mrs. McMichael uses her "computer knowledge" to solve the problem. (S. Craven)



Using the ever-famous overhead projector, Mr. Gaines guides his class through the day's assignments. (S. Craven)



*Kyle Auman — Band
Wayne Barker — Social Studies
Elaine Bryant — Social Studies
Dennis Carroll — English, French*



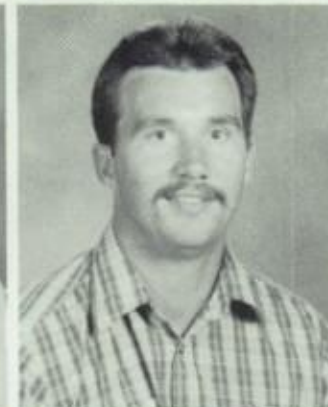
*Suzanne Caudle — Science
Roger Chance — Social Studies
Wanda Croom — Home Economics
Angie Dalton — Drama*



*Steve Dalton — Principal
Kathy Dick — Guidance Counselor
Bruce Dillon — Vocation
Dorothy Freeman — Business*



*Diane Frost — Math
Eva Garner — Secretary
Libby Giese — Art
Chris Greene — Guidance Counselor*

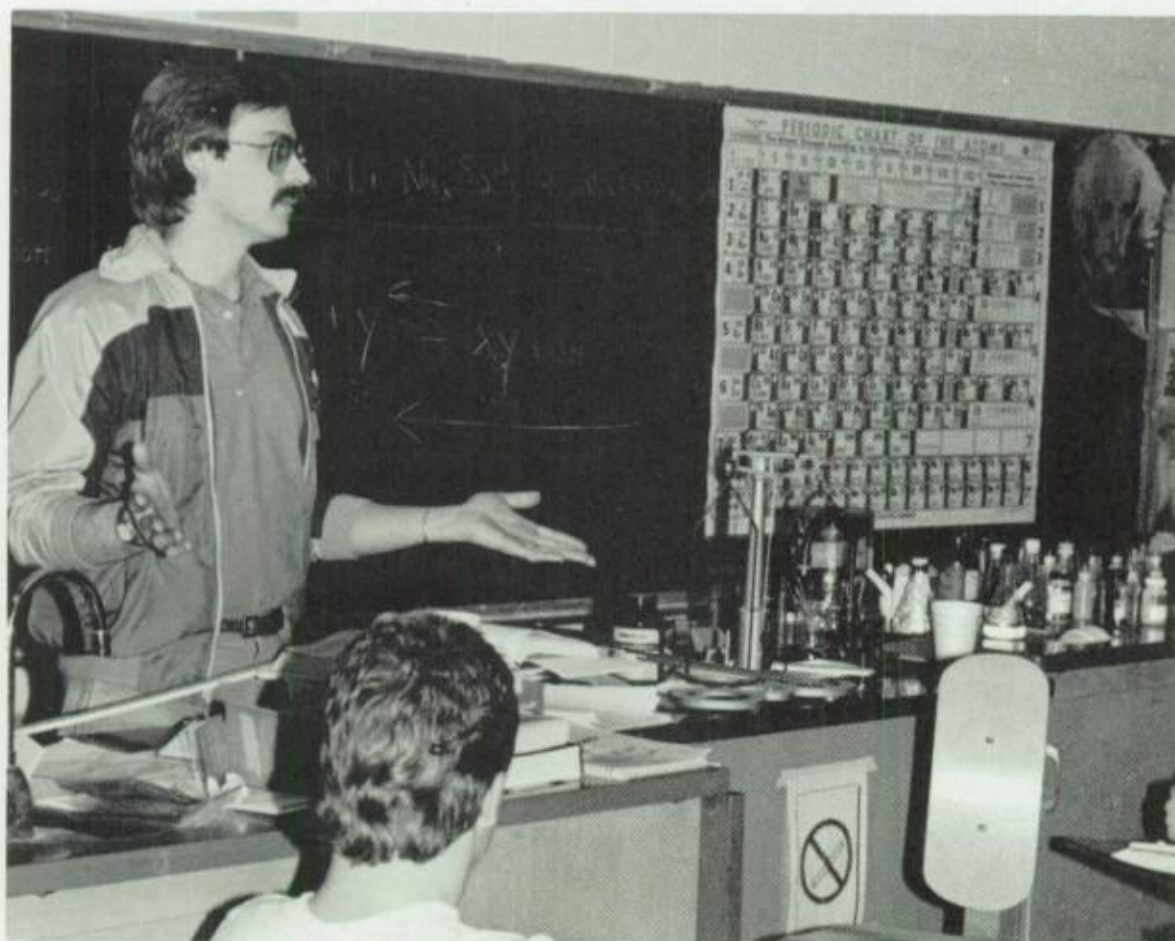


*Jerry Haney — Social Studies
Homer Harden
John Harder — English
Robert Harris — Business*



*Dawn Hayes — ALC, P.E.
Lola Henderson — Special Education
Virginia Henry — Math
Betty Hicks — Business*

Behind the Scenes



Asking for questions, Mr. Zidek finishes up a Chemistry lecture. (S. Craven)

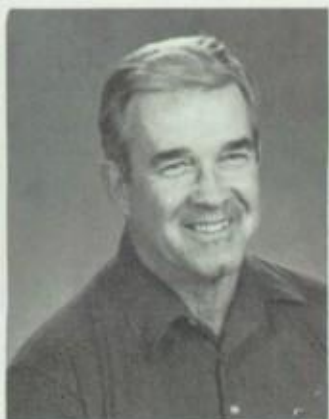
Although the students make up most of Ragsdale's population, the teachers and faculty are the ones that put it all together. Without them, school would just not exist.

Faculty members, especially the janitors and custodians, always arrived before the students and stayed later than the students. They all took time to listen, advise, instruct and help after class or even after school. Many members of the faculty volunteered extra time to help organize and supervise clubs, dances and banquets.

Not only did they spend eight hours a day at school, but they also spent time behind the scenes working on lesson plans and new, creative assignments.



Almost enjoying hall duty, coaches Mabes and Peace talk with a student. (S. Craven)



Jack Hinkle — Science, Athletic Director
Julia Hinkle — Business
Betsy Kautz — P.E.
Bernice Kenan — Math



Larry Klosterman — Driver's Education
Annie Lucas — Math
Georgia Lundy — Secretary
George Mabes — Social Studies



Peggy Neal — English
David Oakes — Math
Tom Payne — Assistant Principal
Reggie Peace — P.E.



Herb Pike — P.E.
Laurel Purvis — Media Center
Mike Raybon — Assistant Principal
Donna Reynolds — Spanish, English, Yearbook



Ann Rimmer — Guidance Counselor
Gary Rippy — Drafting
Nick Scandale — Science
Vernon Smith — Math



Angel Teer — English, Newspaper
Sue Turner — Media Center
Bill Vielcanowitz — Vocation
Carolyn Walmsley — Math

Clara Walthall — Business
 Kim Whitley — Business
 Pam Wiggins — Spanish
 Nancy Williford — English



Laura Wolf — French
 Audrey Wrike — Secretary



The Work Force

When members of the faculty signed contracts to work at Ragsdale High School, they probably had no idea how much work would be required of them. There seemed to be no end to the work that some of them had to complete.

Each worker had his or her own set of unique duties. For the guidance counselors, it was helping new students adjust, helping stu-

dents plan their high school classes, and helping Seniors with college applications. For coaches, it was organizing and instructing during practices and games, and for secretaries, it was keeping the school's paperwork in order.

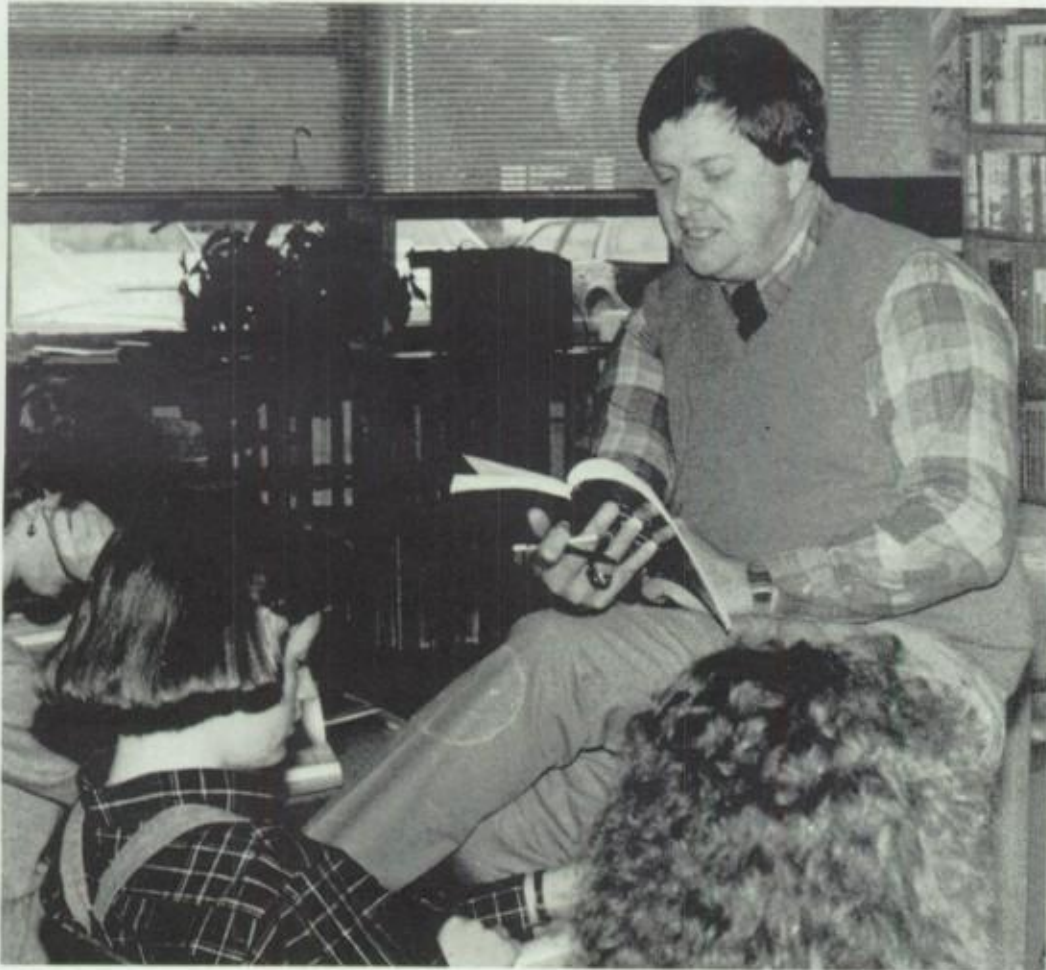
In any case, the real work force of the school — the teachers and other faculty members — deserved our thanks and appreciation.



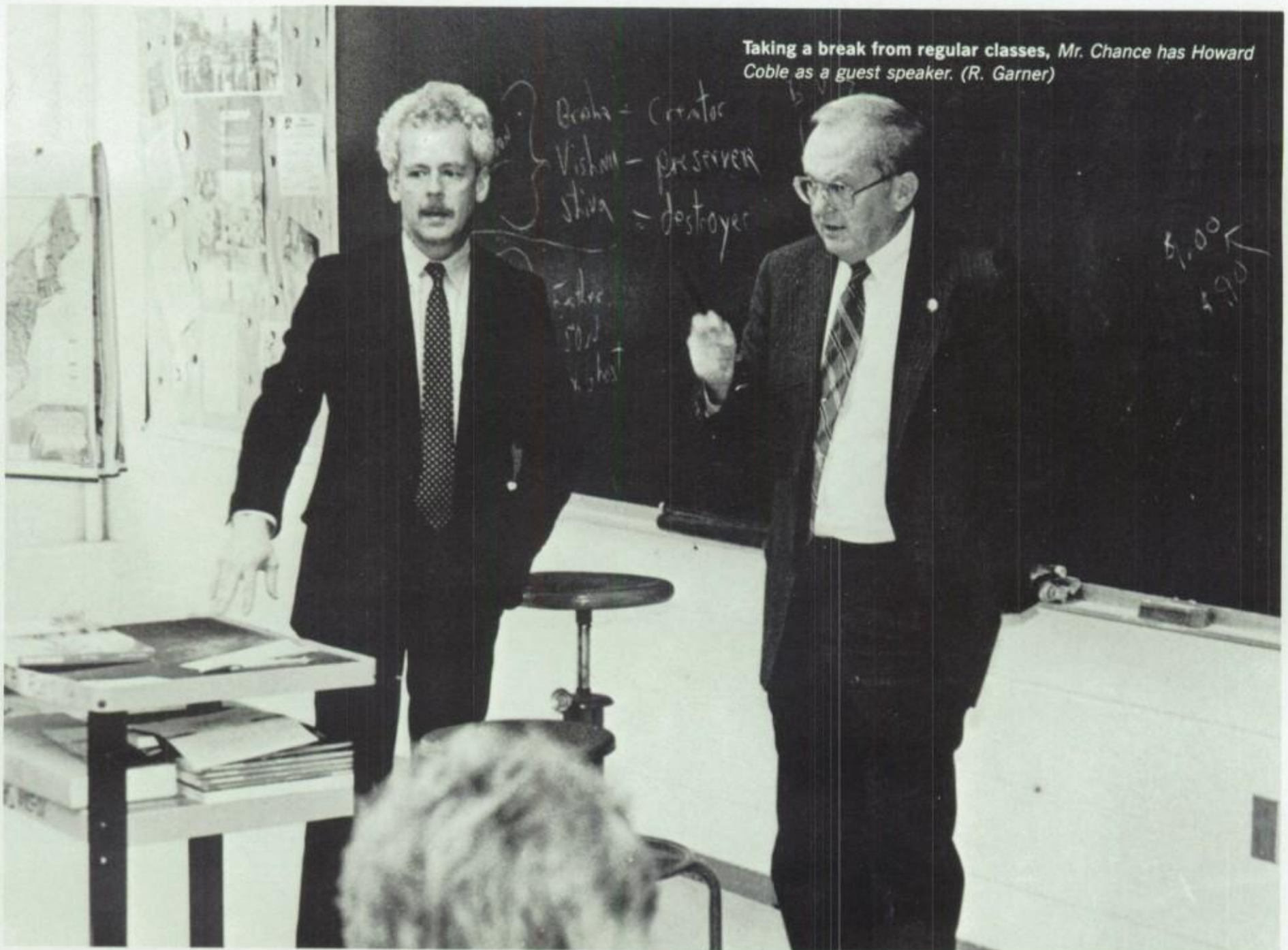
Giving instructions for the upcoming test, Ms. Stafford asks her English students to clear their desks. (S. Craven)



At the bulletin board, Mrs. Tippet explains the significance of a certain photograph. (S. Craven)



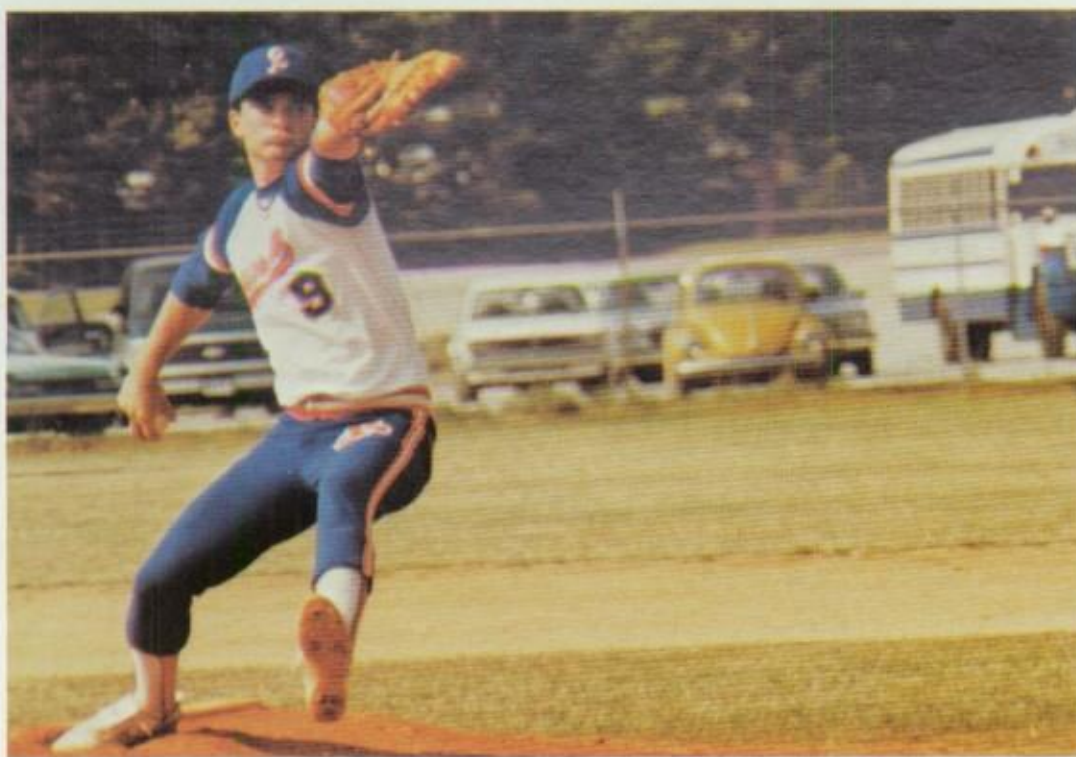
Reading to his students, Mr. Carroll makes poetry interesting and fun for his Honors English class. (S. Craven)



Taking a break from regular classes, Mr. Chance has Howard Coble as a guest speaker. (R. Garner)

OUT OF THE BLUE

Striving for more yardage, Shelton Williams lunges forward against Thomasville. (M. Hodgin)



Aiming for a strike, pitcher Randy Palmer sets his delivery. (M. Hodgin)





With obvious strain showing on his face, Tyler Hunter powers his forehand. (D. Elliot).

S p o r t s

With the advent of each new school year, great anticipation can be found lingering in the air. This was especially true for all sports teams, since sports added so much to the spirit of Ragsdale.

Spirit is a driving force in nearly every high school. It stands to reason that those privileged schools that have more to be proud of (example: tradition in sports) have more school spirit. Spirit, like tradition, is something that takes practice to perfect. Tradition and spirit nearly always go hand-in-hand. Thus, as tradition grows, so do spirit and expectations.

The study body expected a lot from the sports teams going into our second year of Tri-County Conference action. Our first year in the conference saw championship-caliber play from many teams, notably the football, basketball, boys' soccer, and volleyball squads.

Thus, with Ragsdale's tradition of excellence and competitiveness in sports, the anticipation was justified . . . and all sports teams set out with one goal in mind: to inscribe their names in Ragsdale tradition by doing the best they possibly could.

1986 Varsity Volleyball
Won-14, Lost-8

Southeast	Won
Ledford	Lost
Greensboro Day	Won
Thomasville	Lost
H.P. Andrews	Won
H.P. Central	Won
Greensboro Day	Lost
Trinity	Lost
Central Davidson	Won
Asheboro	Lost
Northwest	Won
H.P. Andrews	Won
H.P. Central	Won
Trinity	Lost
Western	Won
Central Davidson	Won
Asheboro	Won

Conference Tournament

H.P. Andrews	Won
Trinity	Lost

State Playoffs

Western	Won
Trinity	Lost

1986 Junior Varsity Volleyball
Won-9, Lost-7

Southeast	Won
Ledford	Won
Greensboro Day	Won
Thomasville	Won
H.P. Andrews	Lost
H.P. Central	Won
Greensboro Day	no game
Trinity	Lost
Central Davidson	Won
Asheboro	Lost
Northwest	Lost
H.P. Andrews	Lost
H.P. Central	Won
Trinity	Won
Western	Won
Central Davidson	Lost
Asheboro	Lost

1986 Varsity Volleyball Team: *Front:* Laura Martin, Tracy Cruthis, Kristy Wagoner, Sue Sloop. *Back:* Deanna Watts, Melody Coggins, Courtenay Shaw, Dawn Chenausky, Tonya Bennet. (E. Doke)



Getting down on her knees, Courtenay Shaw sets up the ball for a spike. (M. Hodgins)



SET FOR VICTORY

The Varsity Volleyball Team started off the season with a winning edge. They had their problems, but corrected them with a lot of practice and kept the losses to a minimum.

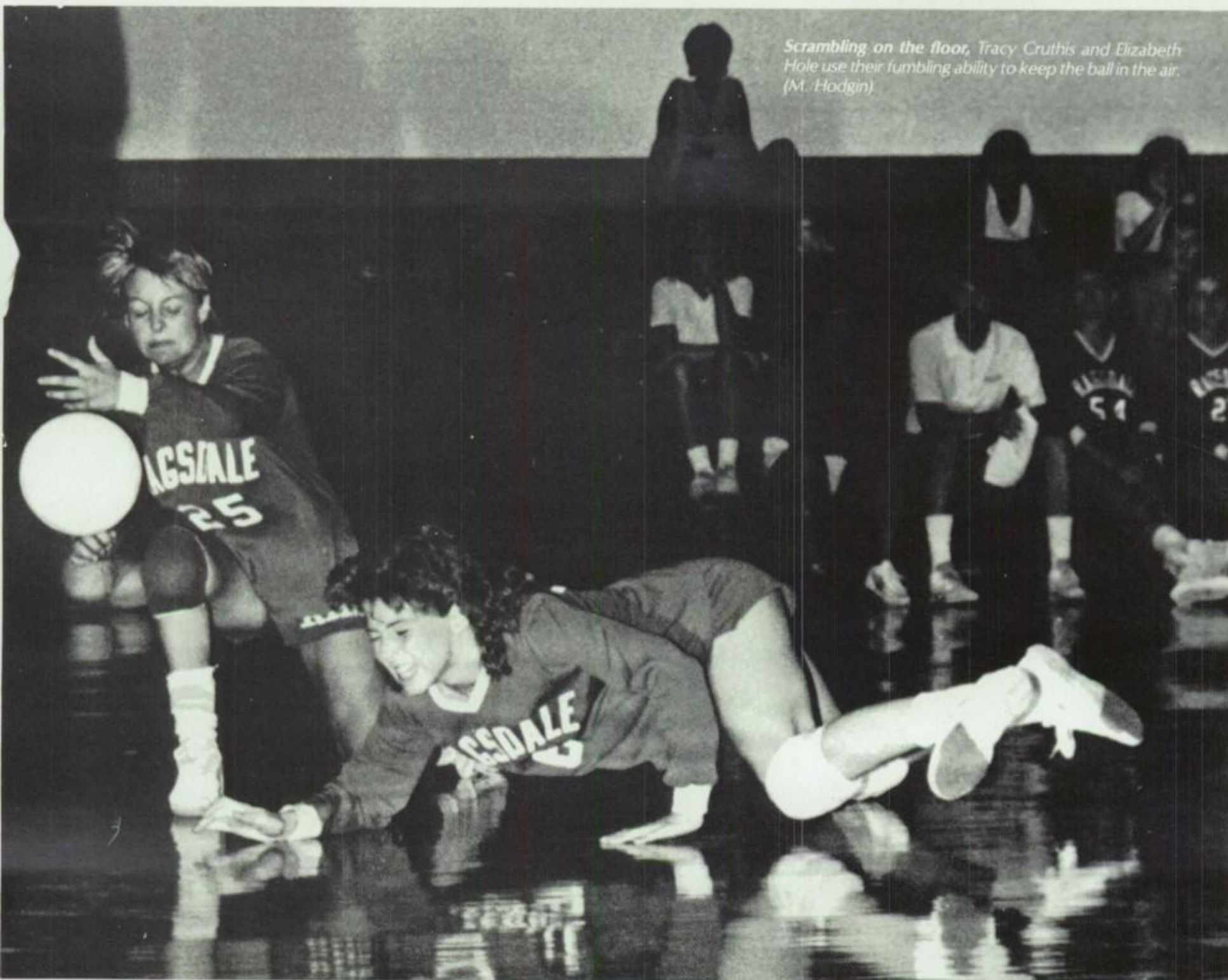
Two of the Varsity players made all-conference, Melody Coggins and Courtenay Shaw, but all of the team could have achieved this goal as well. The girls worked well as a team, which made

them tough and a hard team to beat.

The team finished the season with a 14-8 overall record and 7-3 in the conference. They finished second in the conference and conference tournament. They also went to the second round of the State Playoffs, where they were shut out by Trinity. But, the team did not lose confidence, because they had worked hard and had succeeded in

a victory.

The J.V. Volleyball Team did well in their season, with 9-7 overall and 5-5 in the conference. These girls worked hard and were dedicated to their team. With all their confidence and teamwork, they went on to tie for third place in the conference.

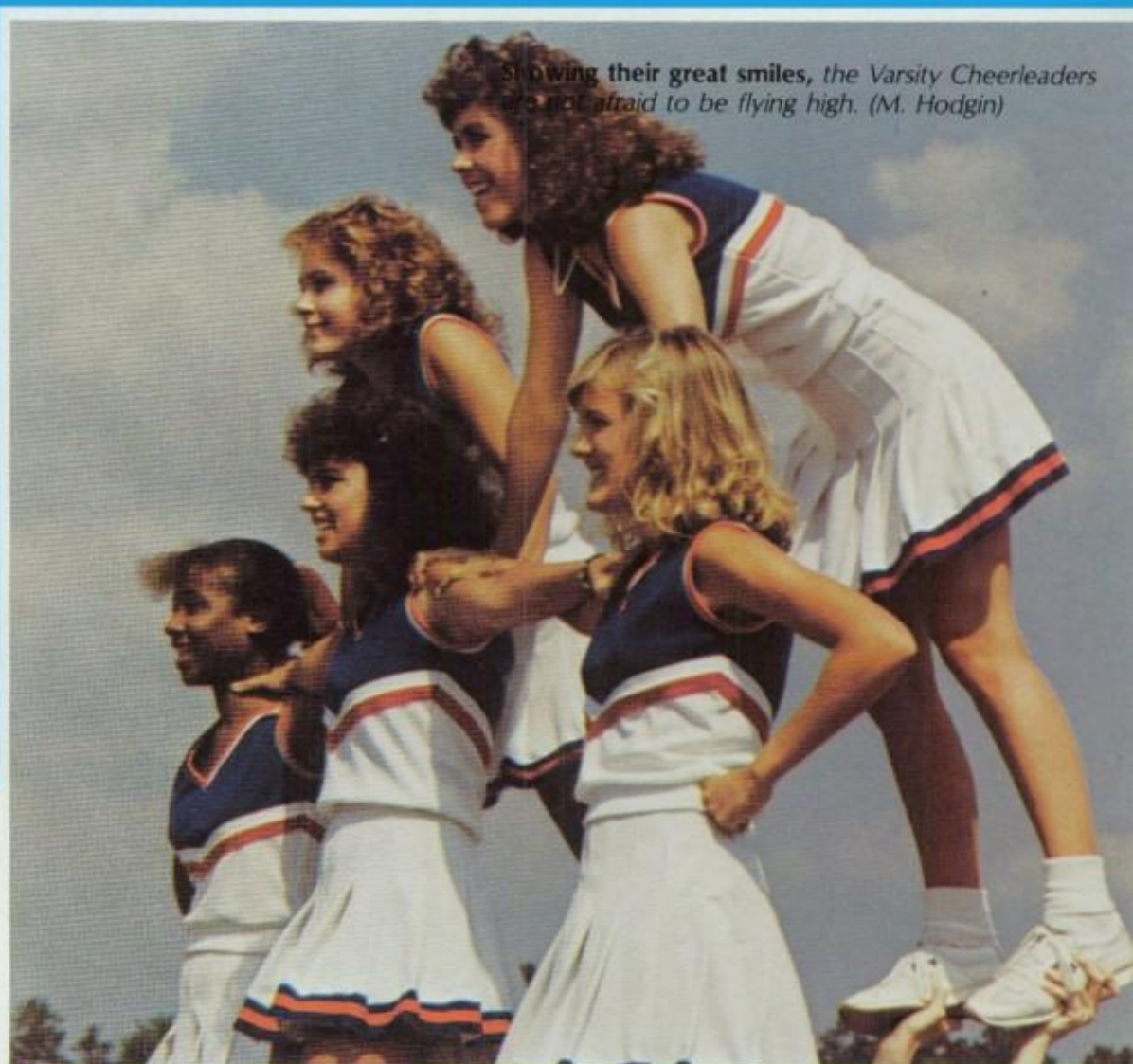


Scrambling on the floor, Tracy Cruthis and Elizabeth Hole use their fumbling ability to keep the ball in the air. (M. Hodgin)

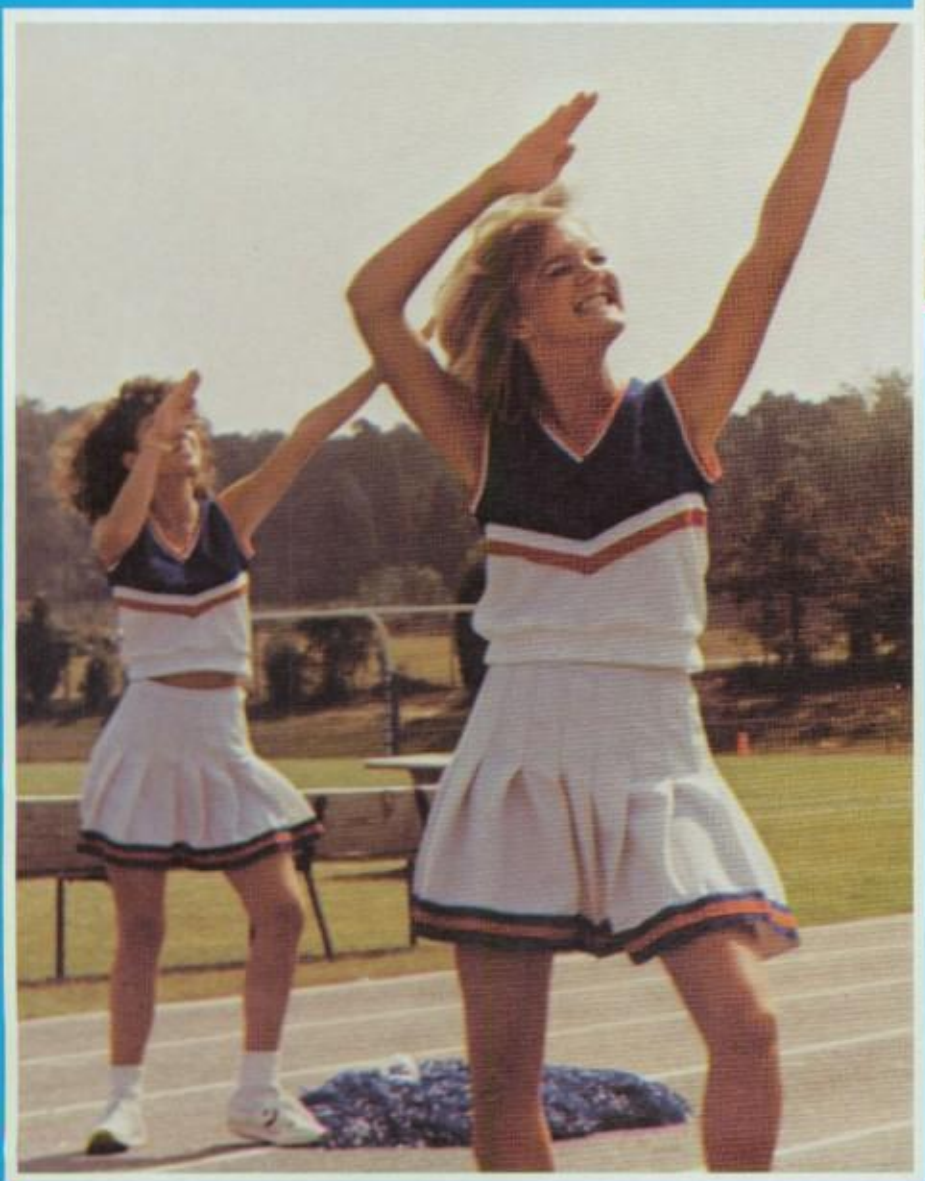


1986 Junior Varsity Volleyball Team: Front: Laura Martin, Amy Lewis, Laura Ward (capt.), April Steelman. Back: Sally Drinkard, Jenny Goude, Alicia Oakley, Sherra Russel, Lynn Moser, Amy Gardner. (E. Doke)

Reaching high in to the air, Melody Coggins stretches to hit the ball back across the net. (M. Hodgin)



Showing their great smiles, the Varsity Cheerleaders are not afraid to be flying high. (M. Hodgins)



Smiling brightly for the fans, Senior Cindy Hendren dances excitedly to the music of the band. (M. Hodgins)

Performing a difficult stunt, the J.V. Cheerleaders smile and show great confidence. (S. Craven)



A Spirited Tradition... Changing

The cheerleaders had many changes this year, and would soon see many more. Neither the Varsity nor the Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squads participated in a state camp this year. This left the squads a little less prepared for the upcoming year. They also did not attend the county-wide camp that they go to every summer.

The Varsity squad had a new and bigger change. They had gained a new sponsor, Mrs. Diane Frost. She was a former sponsor for a cheerleading squad, and she was really excited about work-

ing with a new group of girls.

Practice started later than usual, but the girls worked hard and maintained the spirit and energy needed to guide and support the Tigers. They decorated the locker rooms, made banners for the games, fixed candy bags for the players, and made signs that kept the fans informed of the up-coming games. They also supported the band, and made signs for their competitions.

Varsity and Junior Varsity worked together for homecoming and the pep rallies. The pep rallies were limited, but the

students seemed to enjoy them.

The cheerleaders seemed to have had a good year, and made many accomplishments. As in any sport, the team makes a goal and tries to achieve that goal. The cheerleaders had a goal, to make the fans and the players feel positive and strong about the games. The fans and the cheerleaders yelled fearlessly for the Tigers, and kept the team motivated. The cheerleaders felt that they did succeed their goal, and were proud to be a part of the changing, spirited tradition.



Recognizing the Senior football players, Senior cheerleaders Michelle Bird and Misty Peoples call out the players at the pep rally. (D. Elliot)

A NEW DYNASTY

The 1986 soccer team had its best season ever, but the team did face problems with injuries as well as a great deal of bad luck. The team posted a 12-4-1 record under the direction of second year coach Wayne Barker. The team placed third in what is considered by most to be the toughest 3-A conference in the state. They finished the season with a 7-3 record in the conference. The only other loss for the team was a 2-0 defeat to Durham Jordan, who was ranked #6 in the state at the time. Play-

ing at home proved to be a definite advantage for the Tigers, for they were 8-1 at K. Miller Stadium.

The Tigers were led by the goal scoring abilities of Phaumany Rattana, Mike Gailey, Josh Schrader, and Scott Mann. Their contributions were supported by the strong defense which was led by Joey Rogers. The combined efforts of all of the players was undeniably the mixture that the Tigers needed for their success.

Again this year, the team was very

young which has made their accomplishments very impressive. But the team did have some problems. During the year, five different starters were forced to miss games due to injury problems. When questioned about his feelings on the season, Scott Mann stated, "I felt that we had a great year. If we had been in any other conference, we would have most likely gone to the playoffs. Because we had only three starting seniors, I think that next year's team will be even better."



Fighting to get past his opponent, Mike Gailey uses all of his skills. (M. Hodgins)

Using his ability and hustle, Josh Schraeder tries to outwit his opponents. (M. Hodgins)



While concentrating on the ball, Bob Long eludes his defender. (M. Hodgins)

1986 Soccer Team: Front Row — Jason Schjrader, Tommy Lancaster, Chris Enter, Josh Schrader, Bob Long, Joey Rogers, Joe Parrish, Scott Jagow, Brian Gordon, Steve Bruton. **Back Row** — Phaumany Rattana, Chip Campbell, Travis Oakley, Scott Mann, Mike Gailey, Corey Kissner, Mark Gailey, Rick Miller, Andy Otten, Mark Thacker, Don Money. (S. Craven)



1986 Boys' Soccer

Northwest Guilford
Northwest Guilford
Greensboro Day
Ledford
Trinity
Thomasville
Southwest Guilford
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High Point Andrews
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Up and Coming!

Girl's soccer was introduced into the Ragsdale sports program as an addition to girls' athletics. The team was guided by first year coach Dawn Hayes with the assistance of Rick Miller and Joey Rogers. The team posted a 3-10 record as a first year team. However, the girls showed much promise for the years to come. Juniors Moni Goude and Gina Rose were definite scoring threats, and they proved this by scoring over half of the teams' goals scored during the year. Yet, they did not do it all alone. Their scoring abilities were supplemented by the good offensive play of Kelly York, Tammy Epting, and Kim Volz. Mary Dixon and Eliza-

beth Ihrig used aggressive play on defense to complement the offense. Also goalie Kim Robertson had 120 saves on the year.

As a first year team, not much was expected, and they had their share of hardships. However, among their wins was a shutout of Smith. The fact that the team had no seniors seemed to make their problems more understandable. Tammy Epting summed it all up when she said, "Yes, we've had difficulties, but we are a young team. I feel that since all of the starters are returning, we will be something to watch for in the future."

Concentrating on the ball, Mary Dixon decides where she wants to kick it. (M. Hodgin)



Displaying defensive skills, Elizabeth Ihrig attempts to steal the ball. (M. Hodgin)

Using skill and agility, Heather Hempstead tries to dribble by her Andrews opponent. (M. Hodgin)



SCOREBOARD		
RHS		OPP
1	Smith	0
0	G'boro Day	3
0	G'Boro Day	2
4	South Stokes	1
1	Andrews	2
0	Northwest Guilford	5
1	Central	3
1	Grimsley	4
5	South Stokes	2
0	Andrews	5
0	Northwest Guilford	4
1	Central	12
0	Grimsley	13

Showing admirable hustle, Amy Woodburn beats her opponent to the ball. (M Hodgin)



Perfecting what took years of practice, David Boyles digs out of the sand. (M. Hodgins)

Showing excellent form, John Thompson drops this putt. (M. Hodgins)



Showing that practice makes perfect, Jason Gentel works on his technique. (M. Hodgins)



IN THE FAIRWAY

Proving that he, too, has good form, Mark Cassady sinks his putt in the hole. (M. Hodgins)

With an abundance of talent and a lot of hard work, the 1986 golf team cruised through the season with a fair amount of success.

Under the strong leadership of Coach Herb Pike, the team finished the season with seventeen victories and only three losses in dual-match play.

Returning starters for the 1987 season were: Seniors Jason Gentel, E. B. Adams, John Thompson, and Mark Cassady, and junior David Boyles. These five were expected to make up a strong nucleus for the squad to build upon. Several others,

including Dawn Chensuaky, Ellis Von-Cannon, and Toby Ward returned to provide the team with even further depth.

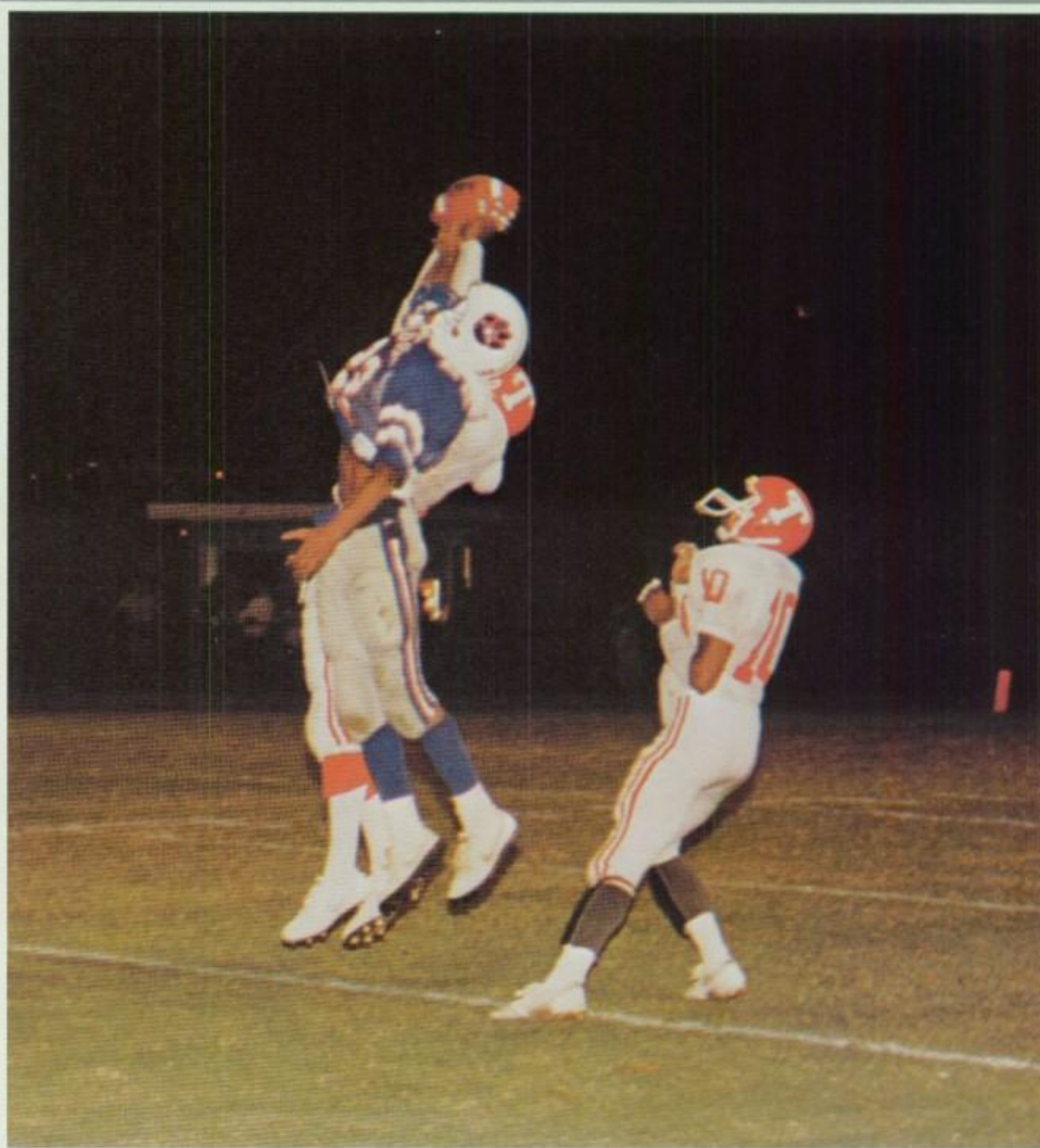
Considering last year's record, and the prospects for this year's returners, Senior Mark Cassady remarked, "The 1987 golf team has the potential to be the best in the school's history. If all the players concentrate on golf, and not outside activities, then the sky's the limit. We are very optimistic about the upcoming season. Coach Pike will provide strong leadership for us."

TIGER FOOTBALL

The sun, groans, sweat, and sprints were just a few of the things common to the athletes known as football players. Practices officially started August 1, but weight-lifting and conditioning sessions were held in July. The first real test of the players was the ever-present football camp. The camp was designed to give a greater unity to the team. The week included two-a-day practices and weight-lifting and culminated with a scrimmage against Ledford. The Tigers completed the week in fine fashion manhandling Ledford in the scrimmage. The next week, the last before the first game with

archrival Southwest Guilford, the Tigers scrimmaged Eastern Guilford, and performed well. With the beginning of school the next week, the Tigers were preparing for Southwest. The Tigers were ready for the game, after many weeks of practice during the summer, and were looking forward to a great year. The Tigers started out the year in the face of adversity, though. On the second play of the game, senior Quarterback Keith McInnis was put out of the game due to strained ligaments in his left knee.

Looking for a long completion, Senior Calvin Dunlap fills in at Quarterback. (S. Craven)



Leaping in the air to try for a completion, Senior speedster Jody Godbolt attempts to outplay a Thomasville defender. (M. Elliot)

Eluding several tacklers, Sheldon Williams breaks free with the help of several other Tigers. (M. Hodgin)

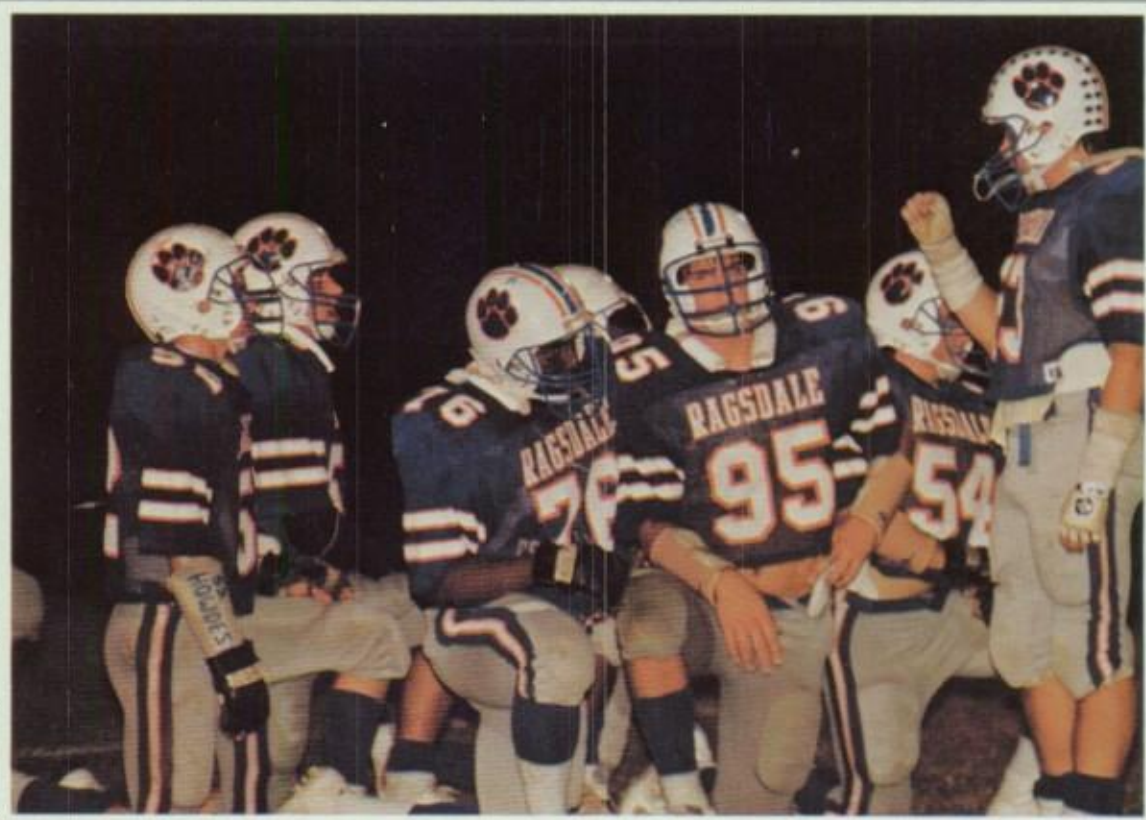


This year, our team faced adversity early on, but we maintained our composure and regained the style and determination that made us a class act.

Senior Buz Knox

Although the team had a rough start, we never stopped supporting them. Our spirit paid off for us and for the team as well.

Senior Cheerleader
Ashley Stone



Taking advantage of a time out, Senior Buz Knox rallies the Tiger defense. (S. Craven)

A CLASS ACT

... Class ...

Second string quarterback and strong safety Chris Killian entered the game to replace McInnis. Without McInnis, the Tigers faltered and ended up losing 12-6. The Tigers worked hard the next week, looking to rebound against Thomasville. Senior Calvin Dunlap took over the quarterbacking duties for the game. The sought-after victory was not to be as the Tigers lost, 10-8. The defense was much improved, salvaging an offensive turnover on the 20 yardline and giving up only a field goal. The next three opponents fell easy prey to the Tigers, as the offense started churning out yardage and the defense held strong. The Tigers totally dominated Southern with a virtually solid steel defense and a potent offense. Calvin Dunlap commandeered the offense, passing to Andre Rosbor for one touchdown and handing off to Robert Gibson, Jason Long, and Brian Duno-vant for the other Tiger touchdowns. The team also came out with a personal vendetta against Western Guilford. Shel-

don Williams and Calvin Dunlap teamed up to lead the tigers in this game. Williams scored on three separate occasions and Dunlap passed for one touchdown and a two-point conversion, while running for one touchdown and two two-point conversions. The last non-conference game was one that the Tigers felt a strong desire to win as the new coach of Southeast was Tommy Norwood. The Tigers totally dominated the Falcons getting their first shutout and an awesome display of offense, 33-0. The Tigers then had a week off before their first conference game with Asheboro. Against the Blue Comets, the Tigers were looking for revenge. The Tigers came out strong, led by the running of Robert Gibson and Sheldon Williams. The Tiger defense also looked strong in the early going. The Tigers took a 7-3 lead early on when Gary Kidd caught a thrice tipped pass while sitting in the end zone. On the next Tiger drive, the running game was strong, and was capped with a leap over

The sun, groans, sweat, and hard work are all a part of football camp. (M. Hodgins)

the pile by Williams to gain the last Tiger touchdown of the night. In the second half the defense broke and allowed the final two Comet scores. The next game was against High Point Central in Simeon Stadium and it marked the return of quarterback Keith McInnis. McInnis returned with a bang and devastated the Bison with 163 yards passing. McInnis completed 12 of 18 passes with only one interception as the Bison were Buf-faloed 24-13.

The next game for the Tigers was their Homecoming game against Trinity. After the first few minutes, the Tigers turned this game into a field day, scoring at will, with everyone joining in on the festivities. The Tigers knew however that their real task lay ahead against Andrews. The Tigers entered Simeon Stadium the next week with fire in their eyes and determination in their hearts. Crucial bone-crunching hits by Jody Godbolt led the Tiger Defense to its most important shut out of the year. Robert Gibson led the



With a look of determination in his eyes, senior Robert Gibson gains ground. (M. Hodgins)

*Senior
Quarterback
Keith McInnis*



When I was hurt, I felt really bad, but the team kept going and when I was able to return everything clicked. The team helped me when I was down and the whole team had a special kind of fraternity that kept us together throughout the rough times.



1986 Varsity Football
Won 7 Lost 3

Southwest	6-12
Thomasville	8-10
Western	42-28
Southern	35-7
Southeast	33-0
Asheboro	12-26
H.P. Central	24-13
Trinity	68-6
Andrews	13-0
Central Davidson	34-18

*Note last 4 games were forfeited due to a NCHSAA decision

*Ulysses Welch, Theo Rice, David Oakes, George Mabes, Brian Haney, Dicky Cline, John Spell, Reggie Peace, Jerry Haney, Robbie Harris, Jimmy Bell, Keith McInnis, Brent Jackson, Buz Knox, **Third Row:** Chris Killian, Steve Turner, Chris Johnson, Chris Lilly, Robert Gibson, Craig Putman, Mark Dixon, Gary Kidd, Rob Duff*

1986 Ragsdale Varsity Football Team: First Row: Marvel Washington, Calvin Dunlap, Allan Williford, Ed Bradley, Carvel Alston, John Howdeshell, Mike Money, Chris Martin, Ed Thomas, James McRae, Jeff Lucas, David Willis, Brian Dunovant, Randy Adams, **Second**

Row: Jason Long, J. T. Puckett, Andre Rosbor, Don Money, David Wilson, Charles Jenkins, Matt Larrick, Randy Palmer, Lewis Walker, Sheldon Williams, Chip Smith, Jim Olson, Jeff Godbolt, Chris Elliot, Kirk Raybon, **Third Row:** Frank Norton, Kevin Frost, Bill Flynn,



... Class ...

Running the option is one of senior quarterback Keith McInnis' many talents. (M. Hodgkin)



way with touchdown runs of 51 and 50 yards to help the Tigers earn a hard fought victory, 13-0. The Tigers then played their final home game of the season against Central Davidson. The Tigers lined up against the Spartans in the mist that Friday and trounced the opposition even though the 34-18 score does not reflect this. The Spartans jumped to an early 10-0 lead but did not score again until late in the fourth quarter. The Tiger Defense settled down on the third drive and shutdown the Spartans while the offense started driving, led by their powerful offensive line. Sheldon Williams finished the game with 116 yards rushing and Robert Gibson finished with 99 as the Tigers ended the season on a winning note. Thus the Tigers held the Championship, but only for 36 hours. On a fateful Sunday in early November,

the defense in a NCHSAA hearing was not as strong as the Tigers were forced to forfeit 4 games in conference and pay a \$300 fine for unintentional use of an ineligible player. Therefore the Tigers were denied a chance at the State Playoffs for a second year. Yet both Robert Gibson and Lewis Walker were selected to play in the Shrine Bowl.

Amidst all the Varsity bedlam, the J.V. team was able to fashion a fine season. After early losses to Southwest and Thomasville, the Tigers bounced back under the direction of quarterback Jay Shuck and running backs Wayne Southerland, Scotty Bailey, and Kevin Roof. The Tigers defeated their next four opponents before losing to High Point Central. The Tigers went on to go 3-2 in conference with wins against Asheboro, Trinity, and Central Davidson.



The chase for the elusive pass reception is Darius Bostic and Danny Williamson's task. (M. Hodgkin)



Attempting to gain yardage, is one of Wayne Southerland's goals. (M. Hodgkin)

attempting to complete a pass against Central, is JV Quarterback Jay Schuck. (M. Hodgins)



1986 Senior Football Players: **First Row:** Chip Smith, Brian Dunovant, Carvel Alston, Jimmy Bell, Charles Jenkins **Middle Row:** Jason Long, Jody Godbolt, Keith McInnis, Ulysses Welch, Robert Gibson, Buz Knox, Frank Norton **Back Row:** Chris Johnson, Jim Olson, David Wilson, Kirk Raybon, Lewis Walker, Calvin Dunlap, Jeff Lucas, Craig Putman. (R. Garner)



1986 J.V. Football Team: **Front Row:** Neal Dixon, Tony Thomas, Mike Carter, Chris Johnson, Harrison Curtis, Jeff Cienek, Brian Floyd, Chris Williams, Shane Wray **Second Row:** Jerome Smith, Steve Hopman, Freddie Davis, Chris Slader, Eric Jenkins, Tiger Chambers, Brian Thacker, Mike Maerlander, Danny Williamson, **Third**

Row: Robert "Mad Dog" McCollough, Mike Swinton, Mark Davis, Brad Shirley, Chris Guin, Mike Corley, David Lancaster, Darren Phiifer, Toby Ward, Adam Lasarsky, Wayne Southerland **Fourth Row:** Jay Schuck, Gavin Glass, Nat Rider, Tim Godwin, Darius Bostic, Eddie Balevick, Craig Scales, Dan Bivens, Craig Stone

**1986 Junior Varsity
Won 6 Lost 4**

Southwest	6-17
Thomasville	14-20
Western	14-13
Southern	28-12
Southeast	24-12
Asheboro	7-0
H.P. Central	0-42
Trinity	21-14
Andrews	6-33
Central Davidson	25-14

Showing his smooth swing, Mark Dixon rockets the ball to the outfield. (M. Hodgin)



Crouching like a young Johnny Bench, Gary Kidd shows why he is the starting catcher. (M. Hodgin)



Striving to get back safely, Randy Palmer dives toward first base. (M. Hodgin)

BUILDING A TRADITION

Although the loss of a key player, Robert Ihrig, dampened spirits on the 1986 Varsity Baseball team, the squad fought hard and played above expectations. They achieved a very respectable record under the leadership of Coach Dave Mizell and very nearly made the play-offs.

In the third game of the season, Ihrig, already 2-0, went down with an injury. The team proved, however, that they

could overcome adversity. They had a chance to make the playoffs in the final game of the season. Luck was not with them that day as they lost to High Point Central by a score of 1-0.

Summarizing the season, Coach Mizell commented, "Had Ihrig remained healthy, we would have been strong contenders for the conference championship. As it was, we were in the race til

the end and performed better (12-8 overall) than most people thought we would."

He also commented on the play of then-sophomores Randy Palmer, Gary Kidd, Johnathan Haney, and Donnie Manness, saying, "They filled the holes from the year before very well."

Lunging forward with the pitch, Robert Ihrig throws with high velocity. (M. Hodgin)



Hoping to beat the throw to first, Eric Tallant kicks up the dust. (M. Hodgin)



Settling in under the ball, Donnie Maness eyes the ball on its way down. (M. Hodgin)

Giving needed advice, Coach Cline instructs Chip Campbell. (M. Hodgin)



Intently watching the action on the field," these players observe what's going on. (M. Hodgin)



Showing good form, Eric Tallant bunts the ball. (M. Hodgin)

BUILDING A TRADITION

The jayvee Tigers, like their varsity counterparts, performed very well under Coach Dick Cline in 1986. The squad fought through a slight lack of confidence early in the season to finish with a 14-6 overall record.

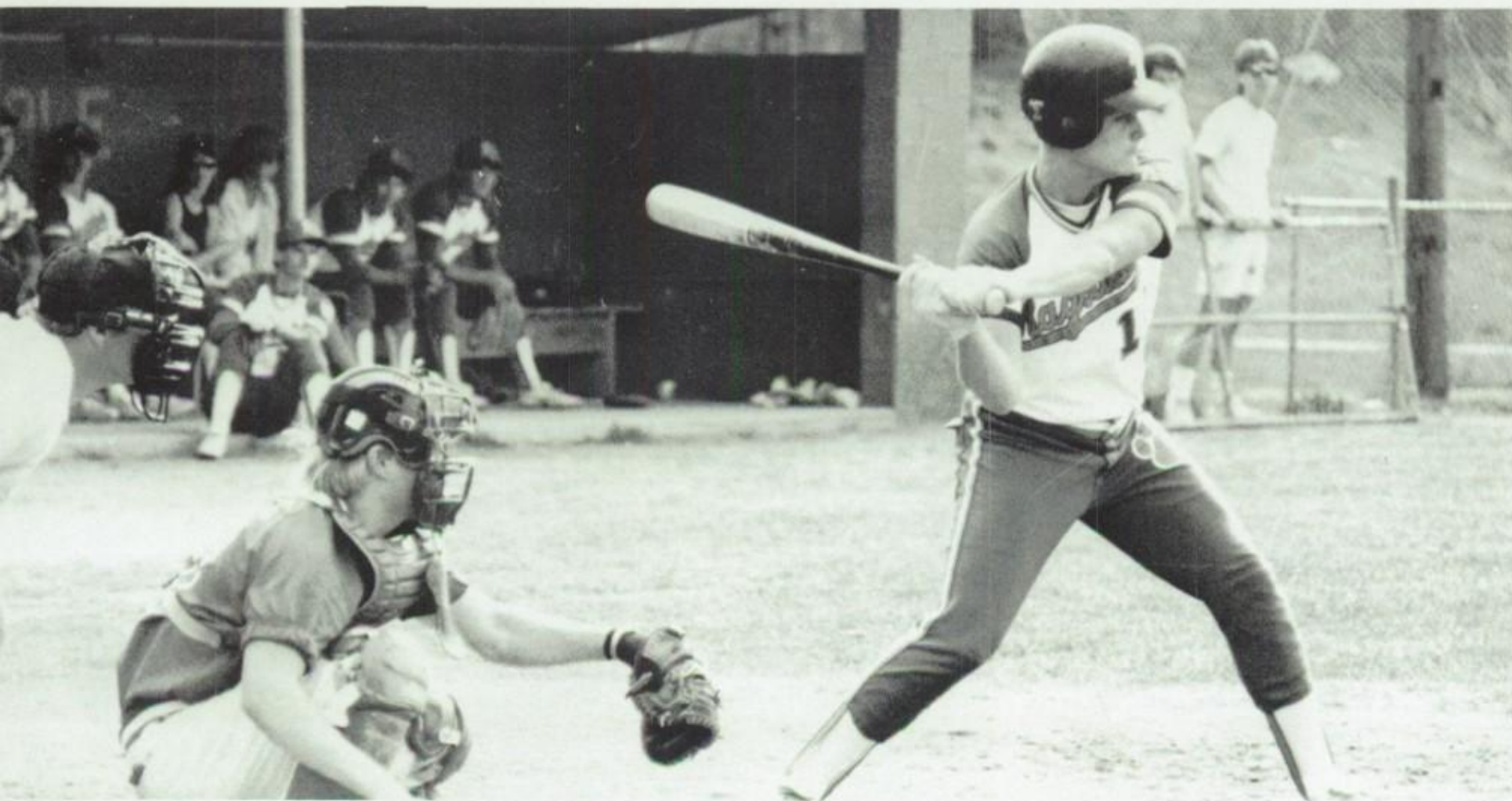
Although unsure early on, the team

received healthy hitting and pitching and tied for first with Central Davidson. They were sole possessors of first place until the last game, which they lost to force the tie.

Coach Cline commented that, "The only disappointment last year was set-

ting for a tie with Central Davidson. The outlook for 1987 is good."

Team leaders were: Chip Campbell, Mark Dixon, Donald Brewer, Joey Perez, and Matt Larrick."



Eyeing the ball as it comes in, Robert Ihrig begins his swing. (M. Hodgin)



Sporting their good sportsmanship, these players shake hands after the game. (M. Hodgin)

WORKING DEDICATION

The Varsity Softball Team had a rough and trying year. Finishing the season with a disappointing 3-17 record, the team felt that they had done well.

The team was young and some of the players were inexperienced, but they worked hard and did their best. The team started two freshmen, due to the youth of the program, but the team adapted and kept up the work. They practiced and drilled everyday on the fundamentals, which should help with the team in the future.

Their coach, Audrey Gore, continuously worked with the girls and to improve their mental and physical self-confidence. As Coach Gore replied, "We worked really hard this year, and this dedication of the girls will be an exceptional base of the pyramid in the upcoming seasons."

The girls improved tremendously as the season progressed, and will do even better as another year arrives. If they work as hard as last year, there will be more hits, more wins, and a better all-around team.



Loosening grip of the ball, Kim Byrd uses her quickness to tag the runner coming from third base. (M. Hodgkin)

Bending down and scrambling for the ball, the Ragsdale catcher awaits to tag the runner for another out. (M. Hodgin)



**1986 Varsity Softball
Won-3, Lost-17**

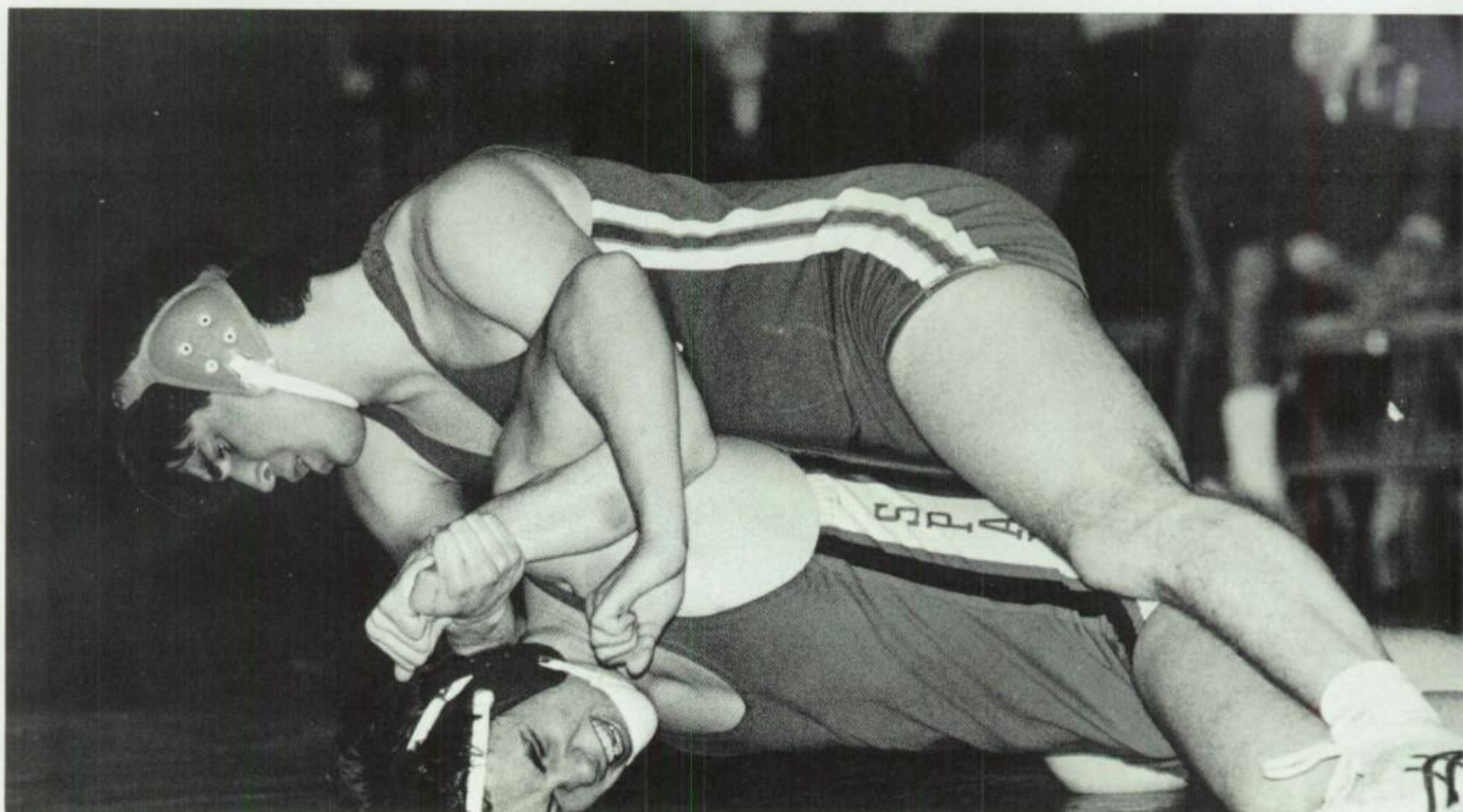
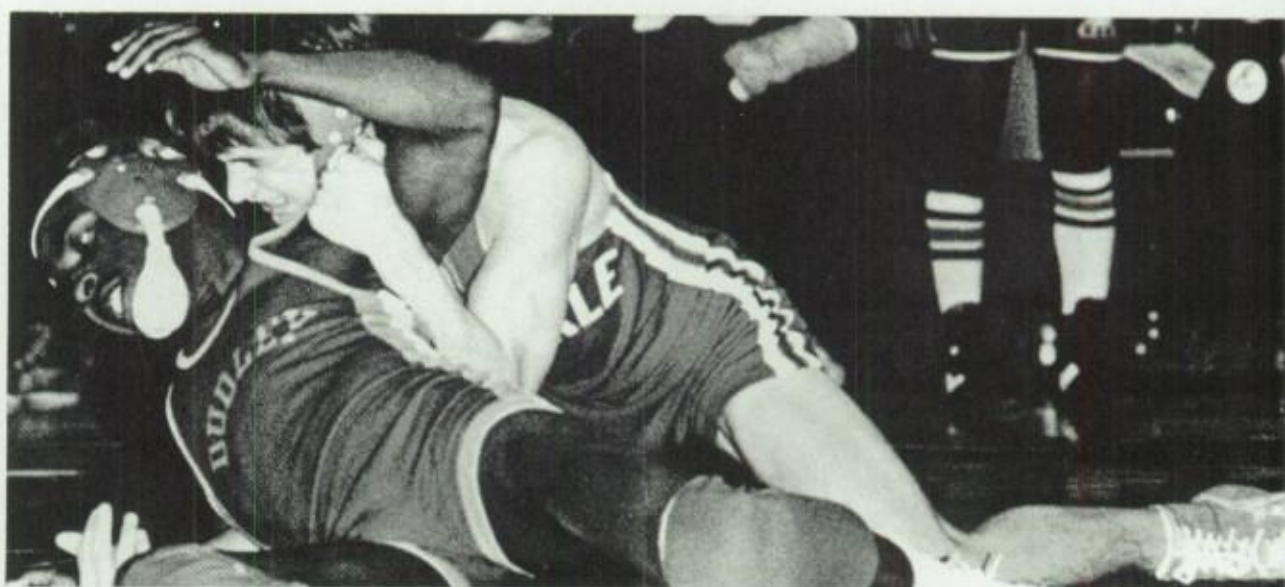
Thomasville	11-1
Western	3-19
Thomasville	7-5
Northwest	0-2
Northwest	2-9
Western	2-10
Northeast	6-16
Trinity	0-21
Andrews	1-3
Southern	2-13
Southern	6-12
H.P. Central	2-10
Asheboro	3-11
Central Davidson	2-10
Trinity	1-14
Andrews	3-9
H.P. Central	5-9
Asheboro	5-0
Central Davidson	1-26
Northeast	8-9



Releasing the ball with poise, Kristie Kinney attempts to strike out the batter. (M. Hodgin)

Straining against an opponent, Rick Miller tries to retain control. (M. Hodgin)

Seeking a much-needed pin, Brent Jackson seems to be in control. (M. Hodgin)



Frustration

When practice for the 1986-1987 Tiger Wrestling Team began in November, second-year coach Wayne Barker knew he had a difficult task on his hands.

Young and inexperienced, the Tigers fought diligently each match even though they were usually outmatched by the competition. As the year wore on, the Tigers improved with each match, and with the nucleus of the team returning in the next few years, the Tigers will be a team to be reckoned with in the future. The significance of this

team laid not in this year, but in years to come.

Led by Seniors Kirk Raybon and Jay Muckenfuss, the team had a record of 4-7. The squad was supported with outstanding seasons by Don Money, Rick Miller, and Kevin Roof.

Coach Barker said of the team, "This group was a special group in that the teams' attitude and the willingness to learn was always there. I see nothing but good things coming to the Tiger wrestlers on and off the mat."

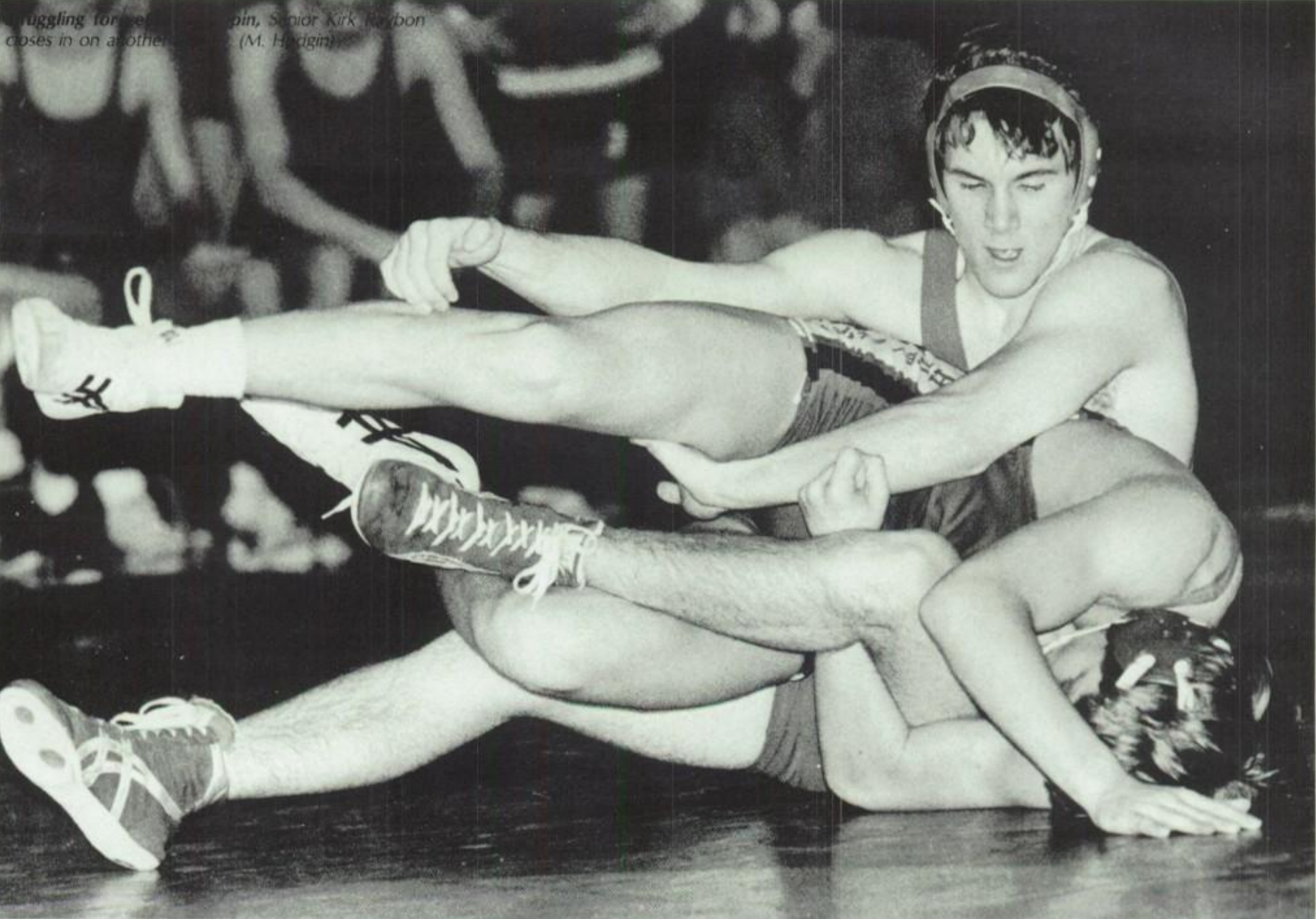
The J.V. wrestling team, coached by

Robert Harriss, also had its share of tough matches.

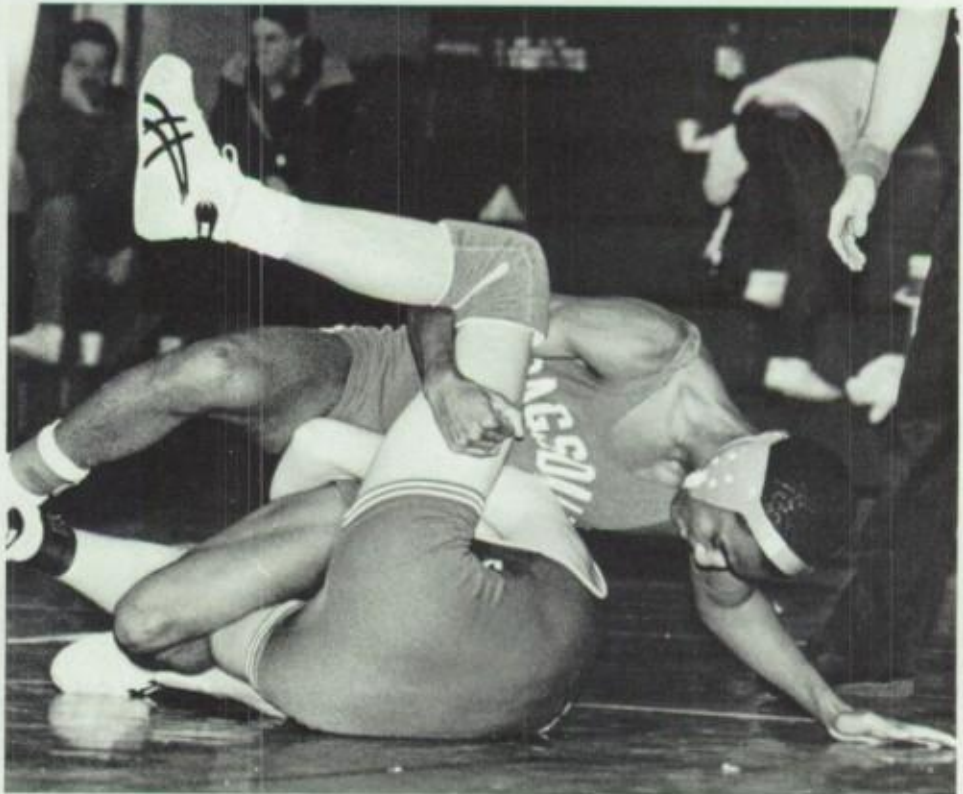
The group, led by Kelly Grissom, Adam Lasarsky, David Lancaster, Jason Minton, and Brian Thacker struggled and ended the season with a 1-6-1 showing; however, things look good for next year.

Coach Harriss noted improvements with each match and predicted that next year will be a good one. He went further to say that the team did a good job and they have a good outlook for their futures providing that they continue to work hard and strive to improve.

Struggling for the pin, Senior Kirk Raybon closes in on another victory. (M. Hodgin)



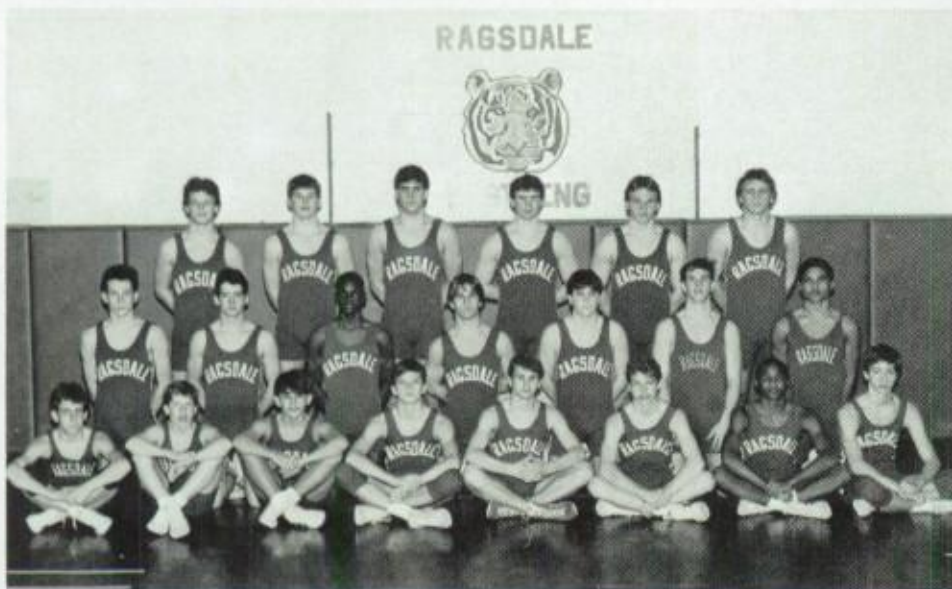
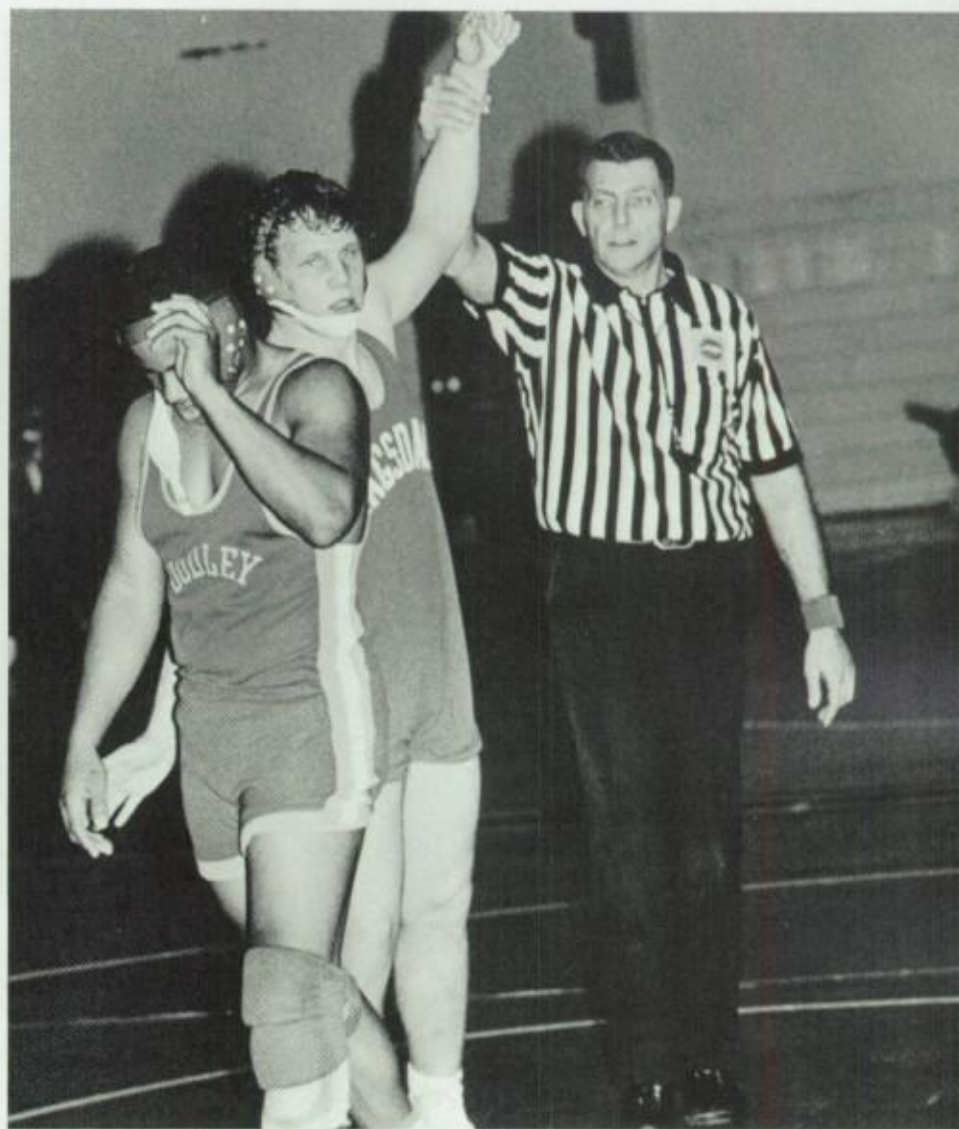
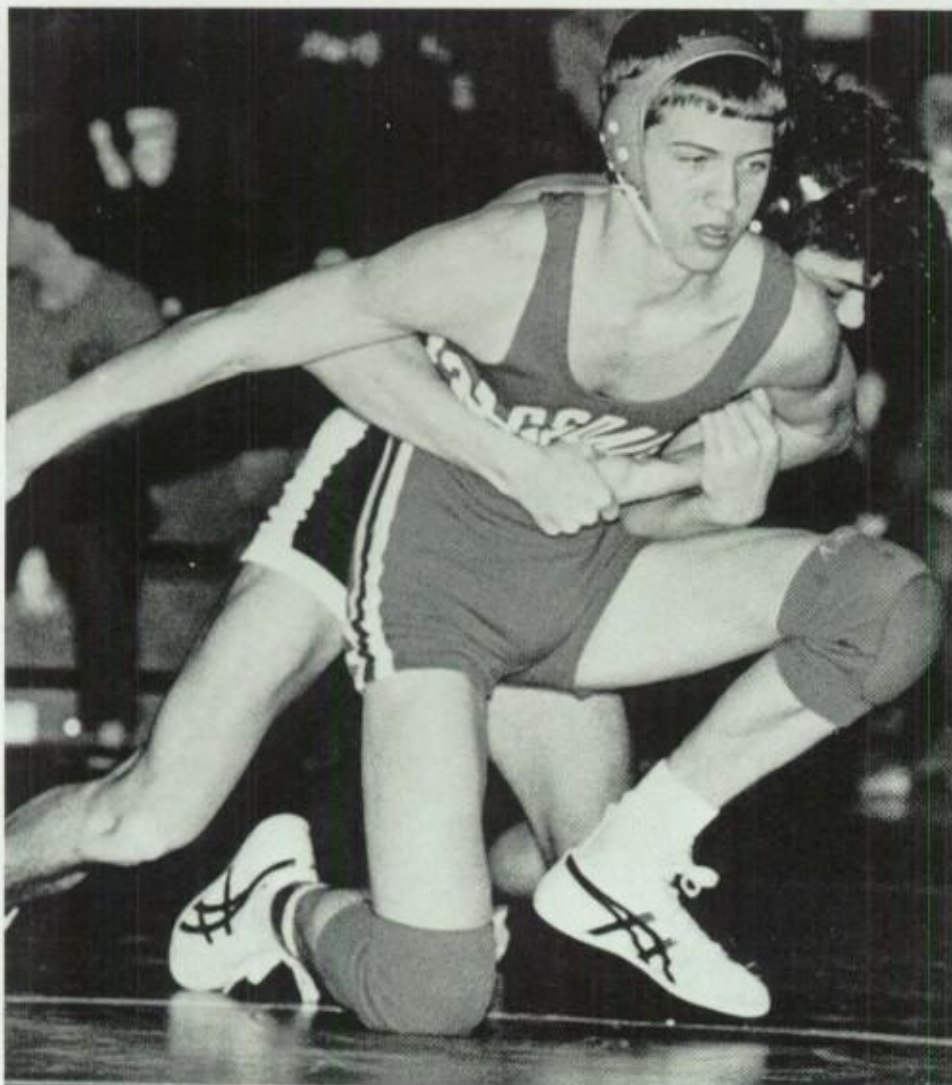
Going for the all-important takedown, Senior Jay Muckenfuss has the advantage. (M. Hodgin)



Getting ever-closer to the pin, Keith Moore attempts to bolster his record. (M. Hodgin)

Raising his hand in victory, Don Money emerges once again a winner. (M. Hodgin)

Striving to become loose from his opponent, Mark Thacker attempts to stand. (M. Hodgin)



1986/87 Wrestling Team: (Back Row) Adam Lasarsky, David Lancaster, Brent Jackson, Dan Bivens, Mike Money, Don Money (Middle Row) David Turner, Chris William, Albert Henderson, Kevin Roof, Chris Costantini, Kirk Raybon, Kelly Grissom (Front Row) Steve Majors, Brian McDonald, Jason Minton, Brian Thacker, Rick Miller, Jeff Wise, Keith Moore, Mark Thacker. (S. Craven)



During a stop in action, Coach Barker encourages a wrestler to do his best. (M. Hodgin)

Dutifully doing their job, these wrestlerettes perform important functions. (M. Hodgins)



1986/87 Wrestlerettes: (Back Row) Amy Johnson, Heather Teague, Lisa Wescott, Carmen Eaton, Blue Murrow (Middle Row) Rhonda Hopkins, Tasha Clark, Vickie Snyder, Julie Bell, Susan Peelman (Front Row) Marcia Clark, April Surrat, Amber Flowers, Keri Raybon. (S. Craven)

Helpful

The 1986-1987 Wrestlerettes were especially dedicated behind the scenes at this year's wrestling matches because they did not have an official sponsor.

However, this did not stop them from doing their job well, even though they did not receive much glory or attention.

The Wrestlerettes were required to attend three tournaments this year: the Tigerland Classic, and J.V. Invitational at Ragsdale, and the 3-A State Championship at Carmichael Auditorium. They worked these tournaments well and gave much support to the team. For this, the Wrestlerettes deserved a hearty thank you.

Integrity

Due to the loss of three quality players from last year, the 1986 Girls' Tennis Team went through what a non-informed outsider might consider a sub-par season. However, as second year coach Ann Tippettt agreed, this squad had an over abundance of integrity.

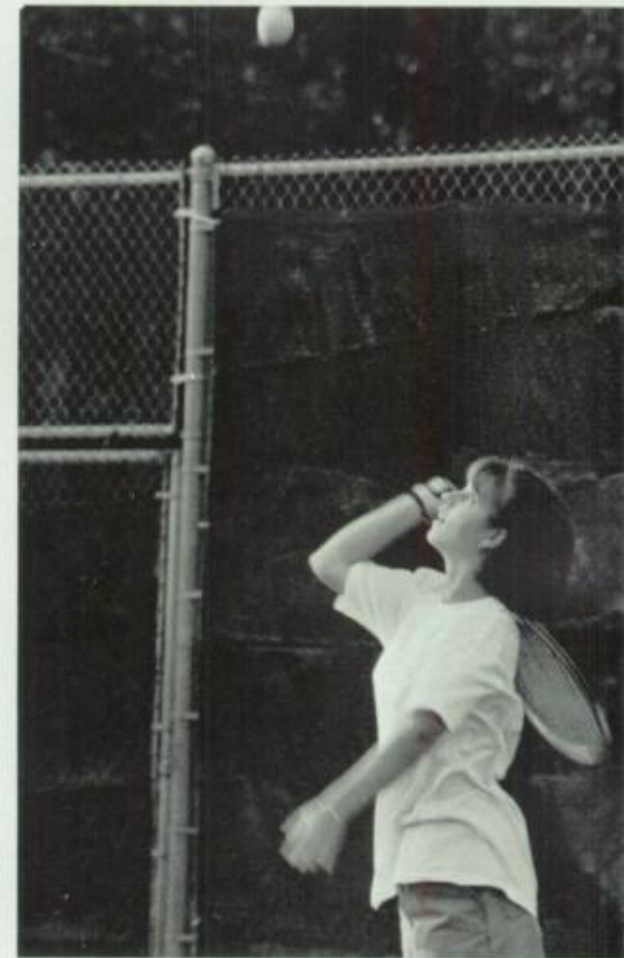
Playing against many state-ranked teams, this year's group found winning to be a tough task, going 5-16 overall and 5-5 in the conference. The team was led by Laura Schraeder, Nancy Oliphant, and Sandy Harrington. Laura Schraeder received the Most Valuable Player award

and a position on the all-conference team. Heather Hempstead won Most Improved and Best Sportsmanship honors.

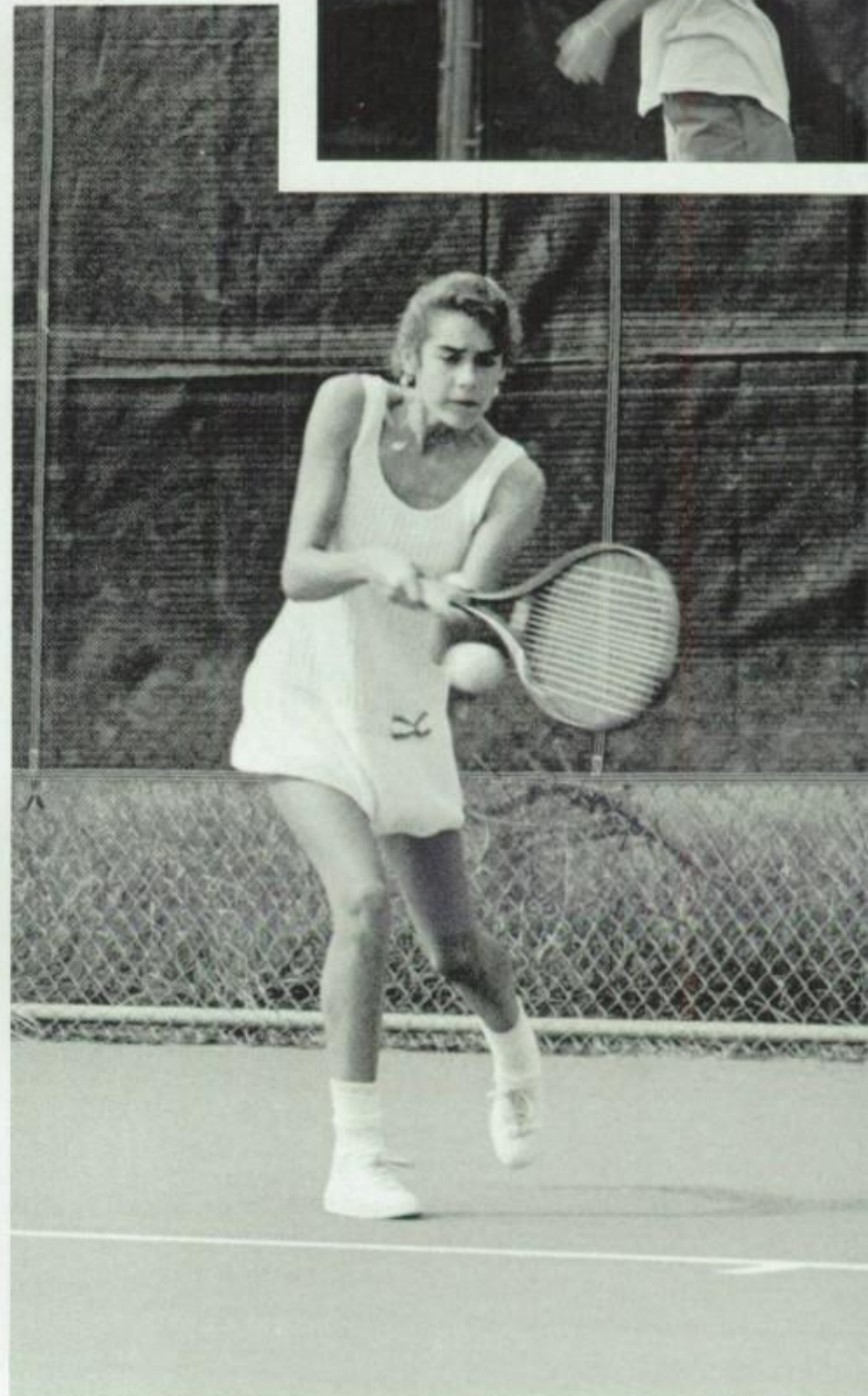
Commenting on the camaraderie of the squad, junior Nancy Oliphant said, "Even though we didn't win a lot, we all got along really well and always managed to have fun."

Coach Ann Tippettt further remarked, "The team played well against stiff competition. The thing that impressed me most about this team is the effort they exert, both on the court and off. They are a quality group of girls."

Concentrating on the flight of the ball, Melissa Dewe prepares to serve. (S. Craven)



Displaying the style that earned her All-Conference honors, Laura Schraeder pursues an important victory. (S. Craven)

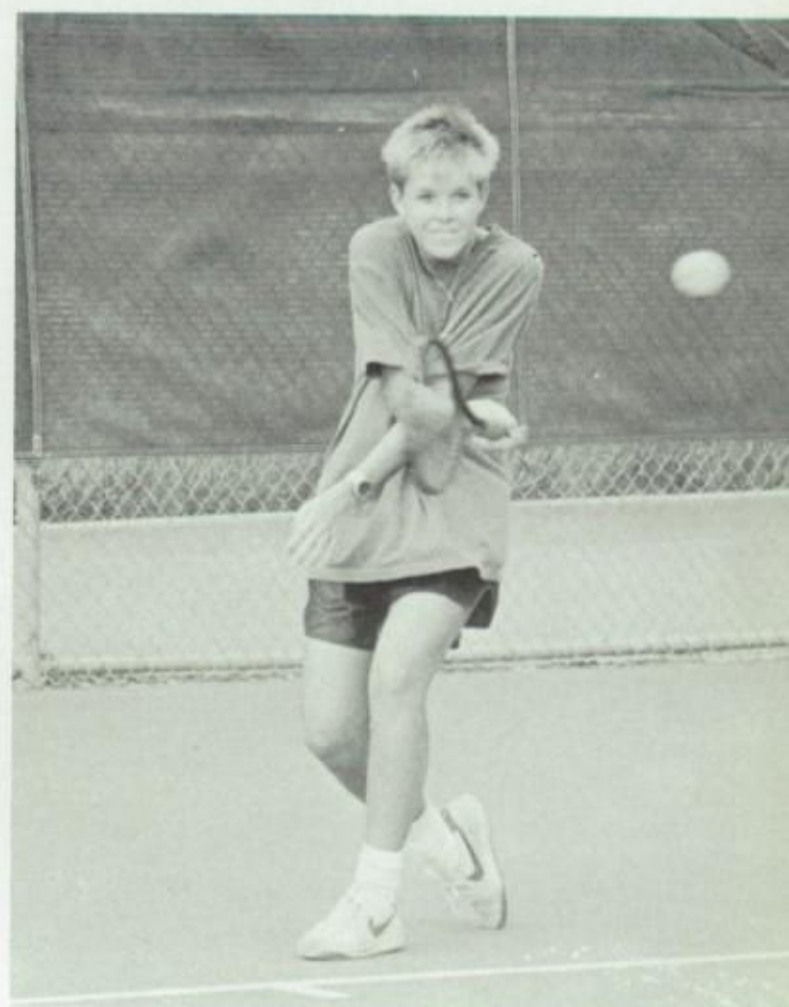


Just a sophomore, Elizabeth Ayers proves her worth to the team. (S. Craven)

Determination etched in her face, Nancy Oliphant places her return shot. (S. Craven)



1986 Girls' Tennis Team: Back Row, Heather Hempstead, Melissa Dewey, Sandy Harrington, Eva Taporek, Elizabeth Ayers, Nancy Oliphant, Laura Schraeder, **Front Row,** Amy Maye, Julie Freeman, Cindy Meredith, Kelly Flynn, Anne Haney, Coach Ann Tippet. (S. Craven)



Viciously attacking her opponent, Heather Hempstead powers her forehand. (S. Craven)

A New Era

This year was a year of great changes for the boys' tennis team. Coach Vern Smith took over the job of coaching the team after Coach Roger Chance stepped down from the position. Also, the team entered a new conference which was full of many tough opponents.

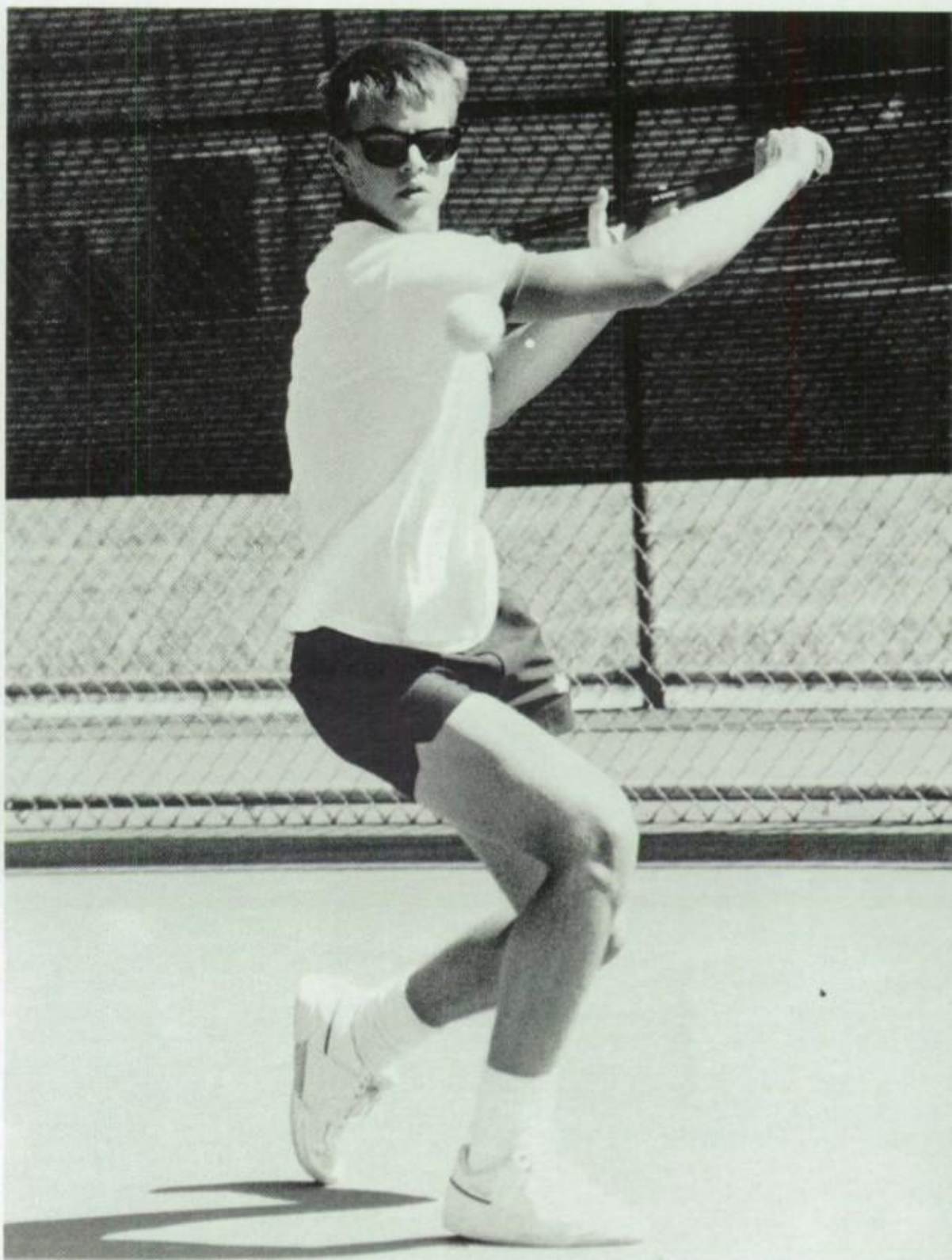
The team was led by seniors Ed Flynn and Rich Miller who played in the top two positions. They were supported by the strong play of Scott Byrd, Henry Song, and Scott Mann. For his great play over the course of the season, Ed Flynn

was named MVP by the team. Scott Mann was voted Most Improved Player.

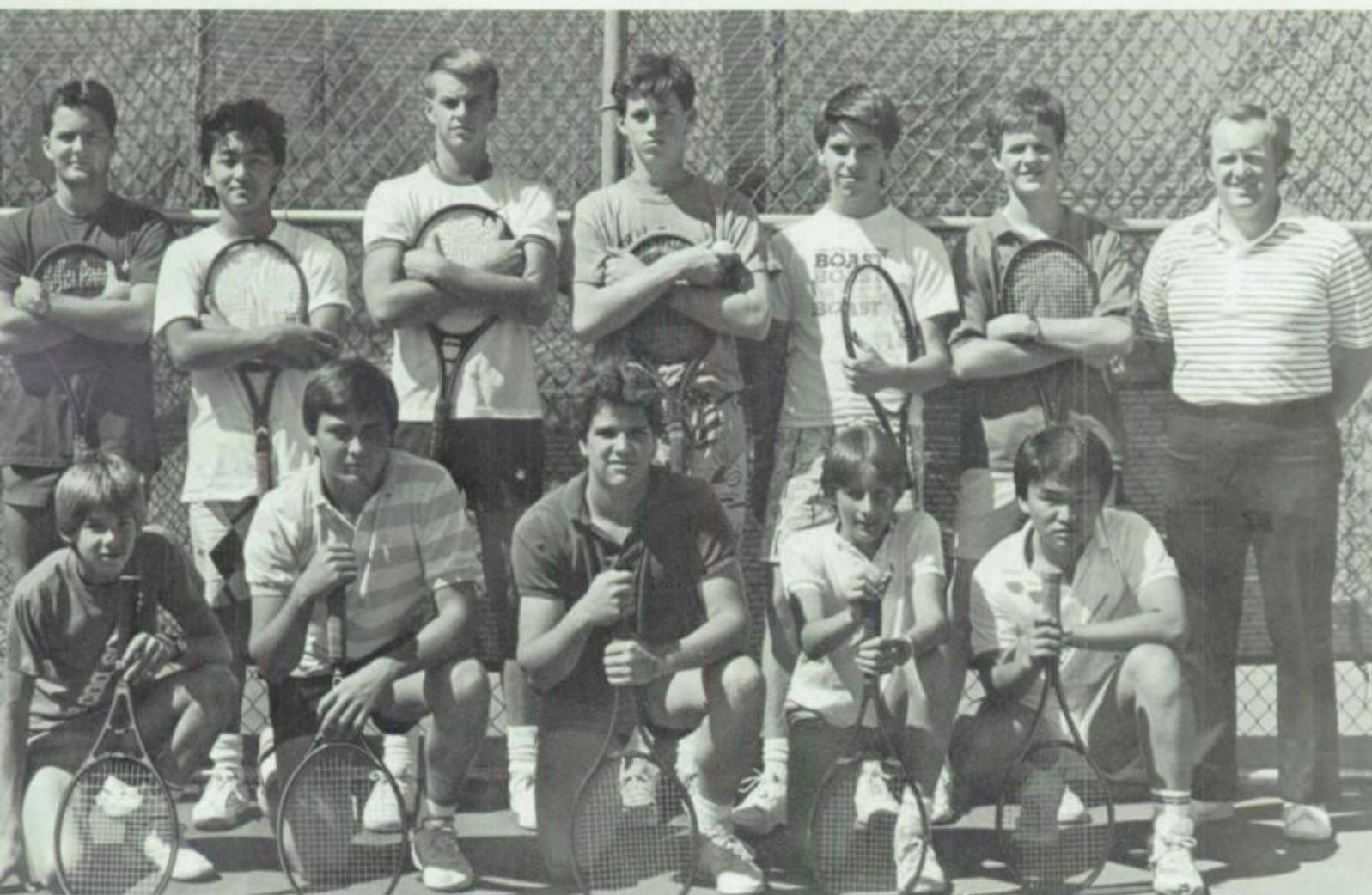
The team had several thrilling matches, but also suffered some tough losses. They crushed Central Davidson 9-0 twice on the season. However, the tables were turned at H.P. Andrews, and the team suffered two tough losses. The team also racked up wins against Trinity Western, and Asheboro.

Other members of the team included Mike Gailey, Craig Hudson, John Varner, Joe Parrish, Josh Schraeder, Jin Park, and Tyler Hunter.

Concentrating on the ball, Tyler Hunter hits a forehand on the run. (M. Hodgkin)



Showing style and grace, Richard Miller prepares to blast a backhand past his opponent. (M. Hodgkin)



1986 Boys' Tennis Team: *Front Row:* Tyler Hunter, Scott Byrd, John Varner, Craig Hudson, Jin Park; *Back Row:* Ed Flynn, Henry Song, Richard Miller, Josh Schraeder, Joe Parrish, Scott Mann, Coach Vern Smith. (M. Hodgin)



Using considerable strength, Henry Song crushes a powerful forehand. (M. Hodgin)

Preparing to utilize his deadly backhand, Scott Byrd concentrates on his shot. (M. Hodgin)



On Your Mark...

Sweat, stamina, and inner strength were qualities that the members of the 1985-1986 track teams exemplified this year. Although not indicated on their won/loss ratio, the track team looked better than they have in recent years.

Each day found a group of dedicated

boys and girls "giving it their all." Braving the rain, heat, cold, and wind these Tigers strived for success. Long hours of practice, endurance, and pain were spent in preparation for impending meets.

Both the 4 x 100m and 4 x 200m relay teams, consisting of Jason Long, Calvin

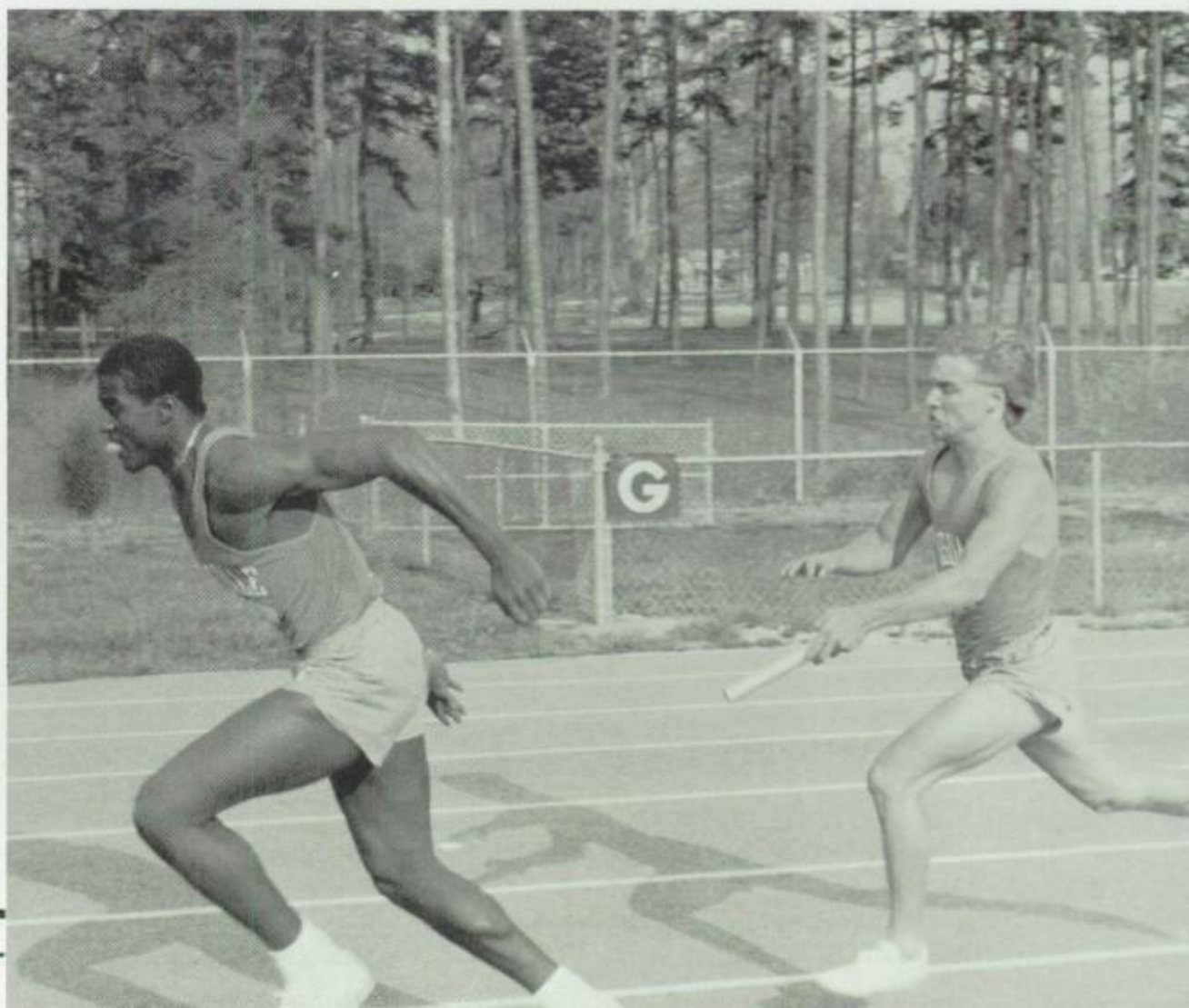
Dunlap, Edward Thomas, and anchor Robert Gibson, managed to fare consistently well under some stiff competition. As in recent years, the distance team, led by Junior Jim Layton, had been growing stronger.

In team competition the Lady Tigers were at a disadvantage.



Knowing that precision is the key, Freshman Sherra Russell perfects her skills at the high jump. (M. Hodgin)

During the 4 x 200m relay, anchor Robert Gibson prepares to receive the baton from a determined Jason Long. (M. Hodgin)





Demonstrating his upper body strength, Sophomore Kevin Frost glides over the pole during practice. (M. Hodgkin)



1985-86 Boys' Track: Bottom (L-R) — Alan Smith, Lewis Walker, Craig Putman, Jason Long, Frank Norton, Robert Gibson, Keith Moore **Second** — Rob Duff, Kevin Frost, Joe Corley, Scott Jagow, Edward Bradley, Mike Money, Richard Niles, James McCrae **Third** — Darius Bostic, Edward Thomas, Shelton Williams, Wayne Southerland **Top** — Jimmy Vanderwoude, Phillip Aydelette (M. Hodgkin)

1985-86 Girls' Track: Front (L-R) — Holly Harder, Kristi Proctor, Vonda Johnson **Back** — Jennifer Grant (Manager), Stacy Holaday, Stacey Gilbreath (Manager) **Not Pictured** — Tasha Clark, Rhonda Jiles, Julie Powell, Sherra Russell, Courtney Shaw (M. Hodgkin)

During the 300m hurdles, Courtney Shaw tries to keep up with the pace set by a member of the H.P. Central track team. (M. Hodgin)

At the shot put, Vonda Johnson practices throwing techniques. (M. Hodgin)



Leading the pack, Jim Layton hopes to stay a step ahead of the competition. (M. Hodgin)



Take Your Mark!

However, the small number of girls did not discourage them. Individually, they managed to receive several 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, paced by Senior Stacey Holaday and Junior Courtney Shaw.

Cross country runner, Jim Layton, led the team, and his endurance and perseverance awarded him a spot at the conference meet.

Coach John Harder had this to say about their team, "The team looked good and overall I feel that we improved since last year."



Concentrating on her footing, Kristi Proctor hopes for extra yardage at the long jump.



Really giving it his all, Calvin Dunlap completes his 200m run by handing the baton to Edward Thomas during the 800m relay.

Over The Top

"Three, Two, One, Unhhh!" It was another close one, but the game was over, the work was done, and now the celebrations were about to begin. An array of smiles, hugs, cheers, and "high-fives" could be found everywhere as fans and teammates alike thrilled over another victory.

Such was the scene after many Ragsdale basketball games this year. With the return of varsity starting Seniors Chuck Van Hook, Ulysses Welch, Robert Gibson, and Keith McInnis it came as no surprise that on more than one occasion prep polls found the Tigers ranked number one. The 1986-87 team had an awesome season, finishing the Tri-Country 3-A Conference with seven wins and three losses. In conference tournament action Ragsdale took second place and was seeded second going into the District Playoffs. Prior to the regular season, the Tigers were invited to participate in

the Little Four Invitational held at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The Ragsdale "hoopsters" characterized by strong aggressive play, and near flawless inside and outside shooting, also possessed a wide variety of speed and talent which made them one of the most balanced teams in the conference.

During the season, Coach John Harder could at any point keep his opponents in check by calling upon his multi-talented squad to out maneuver the many strong opponents which they faced during the season.

The team workouts were noted for their high intensity, constant drilling in basketball fundamentals, long hours, and seriousness of purpose. This "hard work and sweat," which was demanded of every player, worked a hardship on individual social calendars. However, in the end their sacrifices made them one of the best basketball teams in Tiger his-

tory.

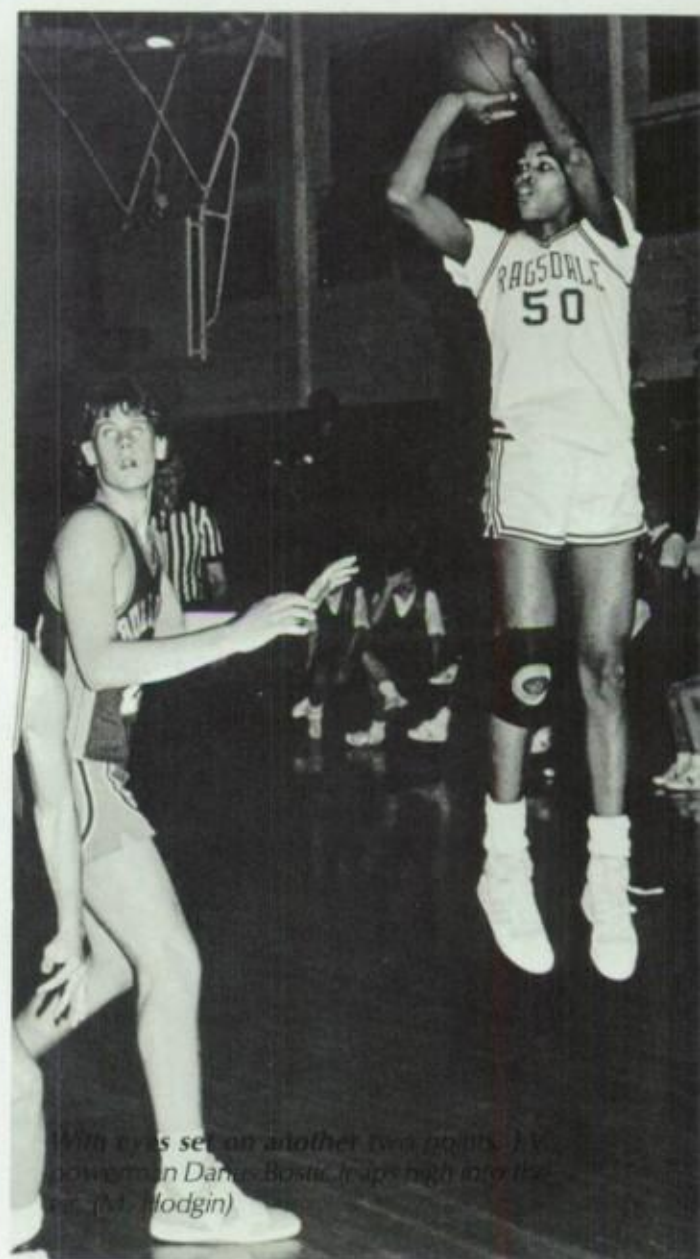
Second year Coach Harder felt early on that his team "possessed the skills necessary to win the conference despite some rather stiff competition."

Although the players and the coaches are to be commended for their outstanding efforts, the fans must also be applauded for the overwhelming enthusiasm and support given to the team. It has been said, "neither rain nor sleet nor snow or dark of night can keep the fans away." The same held true for the staunch Ragsdale supporters whose enthusiasm helped spur the team onto victory.

One fan felt that the boys should be particularly commended for their strong and aggressive teamplay which in the final analysis was the difference between a mediocre and **winning season**.



1987 Varsity Boys: Calvin Dunlap, Steve Hamilton, Ulysses Welch, Chuck Van Hook, Nelson Gatton, Robert Gibson, Mark Dixon, Henry Dick, Chris Johnson, Craig Putman, Dwayne Peeler, Keith McInnis, Andra Rosbor. (M. Hodgkin)



With eyes set on another two points, JV powerman Dwayne Peeler jumps high into the air. (M. Hodgkin)

Once again displaying his awesome shooting skills, Chuck Van Hook has sights set another basket. (M. Hodgin)



1987 J.V. Boys: Front — Mike Daniels, Chris Guinn, Lemont Epps, Eric Butler, Jeff Kidd, Tyana Wallington, Wendy Gibson. **Back** — Coach Reggie Peace, Gavin Glass, Darius Bostic, Mark Gailey, Joshua Schrader, Robert Brauer.

1986-87 Varsity Basketball
Won 15, Lost 7

Southern Guilford	58-56
Thomasville	42-44
Northwest Guilford	51-48
Southern Guilford	63-39
Western Guilford	73-58
Northwest Guilford	69-74
Thomasville	43-46
Western Guilford	60-38
Southeast Guilford	87-55
Southeast Guilford	76-47
Asheboro	70-51
High Point Central	50-51
Central Davidson	73-52
Trinity	59-36
Asheboro	66-39
High Point Central	83-72
Trinity	51-29
High Point Andrews	70-72
Central Davidson	65-58
High Point Andrews	66-73

Little Four Tournament

Smith	48-66
Western Guilford	58-42

Conference Tournament

Asheboro	58-53
High Point Andrews	70-73

1986-87 Junior Varsity Basketball
Won 15, Lost 5

Southern Guilford	47-41
Thomasville	55-40
Northwest Guilford	46-50
Southern Guilford	54-52
Western Guilford	49-48
Northwest Guilford	54-41
Thomasville	51-52
Western Guilford	42-32
Southeast Guilford	47-48
Southeast Guilford	47-44
Asheboro	59-62
High Point Central	58-51
Central Davidson	65-37
Trinity	67-51
Asheboro	63-52
High Point Central	66-48
Trinity	76-56
High Point Andrews	65-69
Central Davidson	47-29
High Point Andrews	62-49

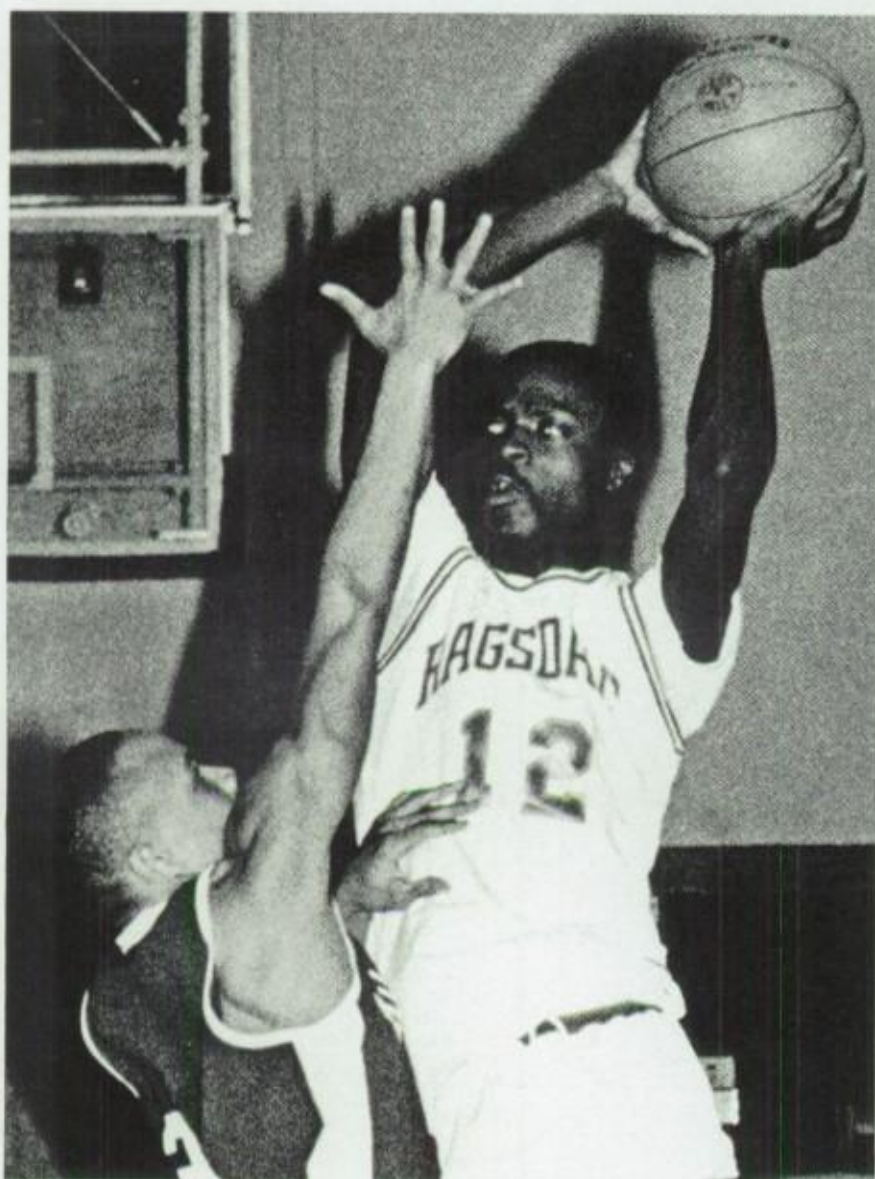
The Top

Squad also had a winning season. Their 8-2 season record was enough to secure 2nd place in the conference. Overall, the "young" Tigers were 15 and 5.

Sophomores Darius Bostic and Robert Brower were key players in the team's success. With 9 of the 13 varsity players graduating, many members of the JV team will be afforded the opportunity to make their mark in Ragsdale's history.



Jumping above the rest of his teammates, Sophomore Joshua Schrader sets up for another two-point play. (M. Hodgins)



With a look of sheer determination in his eyes, Keith "Cornbread" McInnis attempts to outmaneuver a tough Andrews opponent. (M. Hodgins)



During a physical game against H.P. Andrews, Ulysses Welch fights the opposition for an opportunity to raise the score. (M. Hodgins)

Showing her form on the pull-up jumpshot, sophomore guard Laura Ward scores two points against High Point Andrews. (S. Craven)



Distraught

The girls' Junior Varsity Basketball team had a disappointing year, winning only 3 and losing 17 games. The Tigers defeated Northwest, Southeast, and High Point Andrews under first year coach George Mabes. The Tigers used foul shots effectively to defeat Northwest Guilford for their first win. Sophomore Kelly Flynn scored the winning free throw with no time remaining on the clock. Against Southeast, the Tigers scored 9 points in the second quarter and their stiff defense yielded no points on 4 attempts, to rally against the falcons. Against a depleted Andrews team, the Tigers walked away with an overtime victory on a three point play by freshman Jenny Goude. Though the Tigers had a tough and frustrating year, they were able to pull some impressive victories "out of the blue."



While a distraught Tiger team looks on, Coach George Mabes urges his team to a victory. (M. Hodgins)

Stellar Season

The Varsity Girls' Basketball team had a stellar season this year behind Senior Courtenay Shaw who scored 477 points as the Tigers went 14-10. The Tigers reeled off an incredible 11-3 record in the pre-season, including going 2-1 in the Little Four Tournament at Grimsley. In the tournament, the Tigers lost to Smith and then rebounded to beat both Western and Dudley. The Tigers totally dominated their sometimes hopeless non-conference opponents by scores such as 53-36, 51-28, and 61-33. The Tigers went 4-6 in conference against some of the toughest competition in the state. Shaw remarked, "I felt that we had a good season, we lost some close games to the top teams in the state, who

happened to be in our conference." The girls finished 4th in the conference behind the number 1, 2, and 4 teams in the state. The Tigers were led by not only Shaw but also by the other seniors, Dawn Dennis, Mary Dixon, and Kelly York. The Tigers played strong in the conference including what coach Julia Hinkle called "the best game we've played overall in two years. The Comets keyed on Shaw, but she overpowered, outplayed, and literally beat the Comets at their own game," against Asheboro. Shaw really shone in conference, with remarkable scoring totals. This really helped the Tigers pull victories "out of the blue!"

Giving her team last minute instructions, second year Tiger coach Julia Hinkle prepares her team to try for a victory. (M. Hodgins)

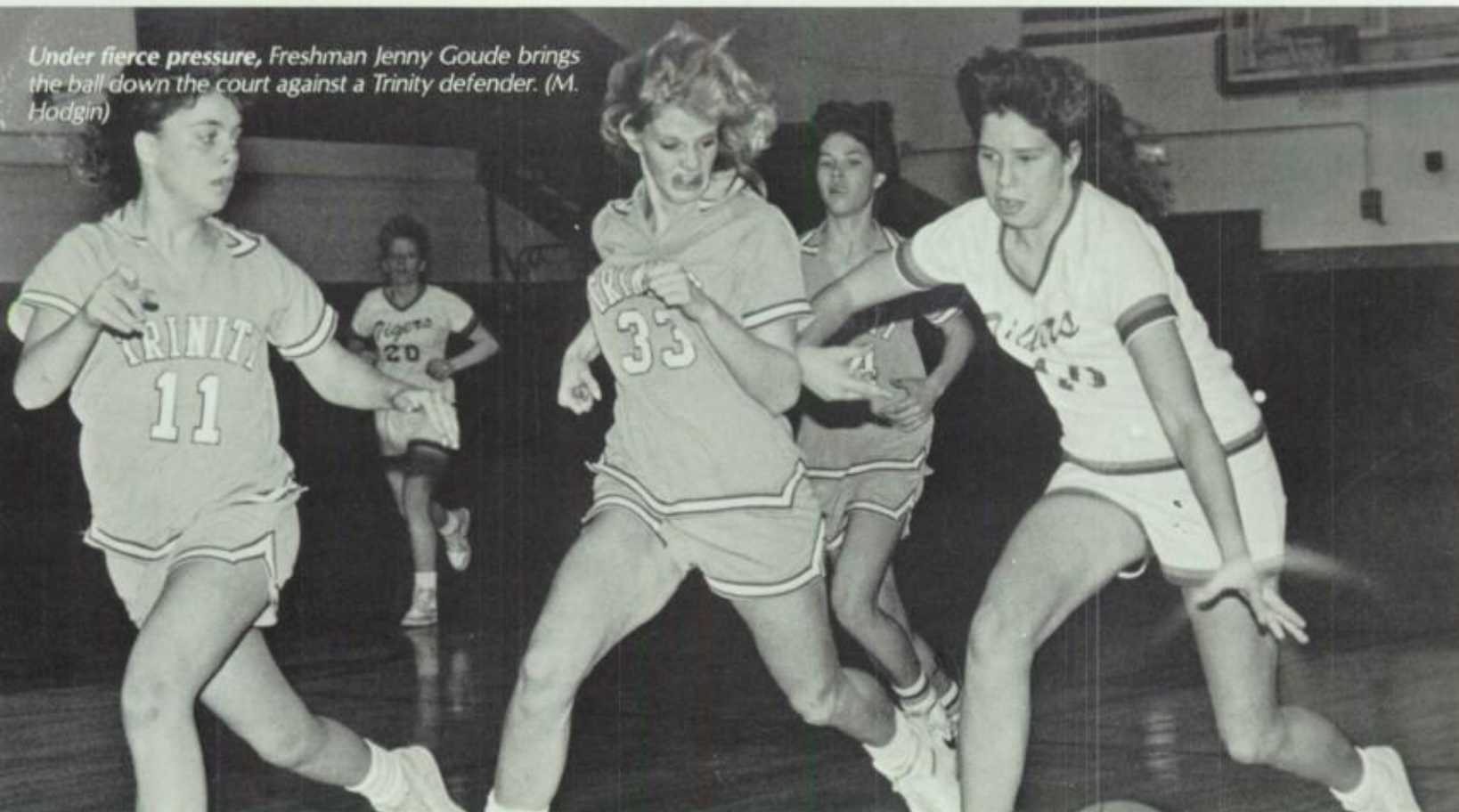


Scoring two points on a lay-up, Delynn Bostic perfectly executes a fast break. (M. Hodgins)



Going over the top of an Andrews defender, senior scoring leader Courtenay Shaw puts up a shot. (S. Craven)

Under fierce pressure, Freshman Jenny Goude brings the ball down the court against a Trinity defender. (M. Hodgins)



1986-87 Varsity Basketball Team: Front Row (Left to Right): Mary Dixon, Su Sloop, Janie Hunt Second Row: Courtenay Shaw, Delynn Bostic, Dawn Chenausky, Sandy Yaskiewicz (Not Pictured: Kelly York, Tina Roof, Dawn Dennis) (S. Craven)

1986-87 Girls' Basketball
Varsity Won 14, Lost 9
Junior Varsity Won 3, Lost 17

	Varsity	JV
Southern Guilford	51-28	17-53
Thomasville	57-52	20-58
Northwest Guilford	55-49	27-32
Southern Guilford	41-40	34-53
Western Guilford	57-36	20-44
Northwest Guilford	59-66	33-32
Thomasville	39-42	18-34
Western Guilford	61-33	14-44
Southeast Guilford	57-39	11-19
Southeast Guilford	60-48	33-21
Asheboro	72-55	31-35
High Point Central	44-65	38-50
Central Davidson	57-41	30-42
Trinity	43-46	15-59
Asheboro	52-41	20-31
High Point Central	53-55	31-54
Trinity	52-60	19-50
High Point Andrews	34-47	30-28
Central Davidson	56-31	47-49
High Point Andrews	42-47	29-40

Little Four Tournament

Smith	40-41
Western Guilford	56-35
Dudley	47-26

Conference Tournament

Central Davidson	38-42
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1986-87 J.V. Basketball Team: Front Row (Left to Right): Laura Ward, Kelley Flynn Second Row: George Mabes, Amy Runyan, Amy Hardeman, Sally Drinkard, Karen Couvillan Third Row: Michelle Stutts, Cindy Greer, Jenny Goude, Ashley Clayton, Jennifer Flemming (S. Craven)



OUT OF THE BLUE

While babysitting for Allison's parents, Ah Chang entertains by playing Sorry. (D. Elliott)



Taking time out from her busy schedule, Nili Singh earns extra money tutoring. (D. Elliott)





Spending several hours a week at work, Sharon Horner enjoys interacting with the customers. (D. Elliott)

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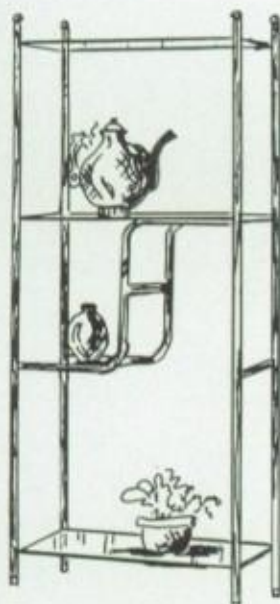
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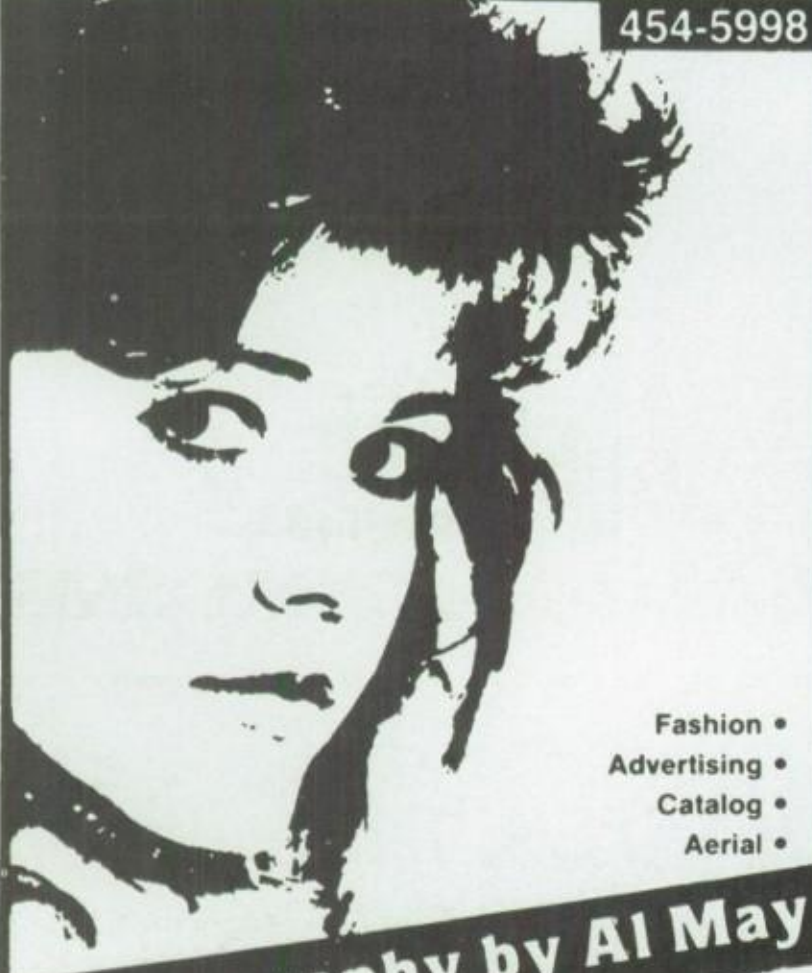


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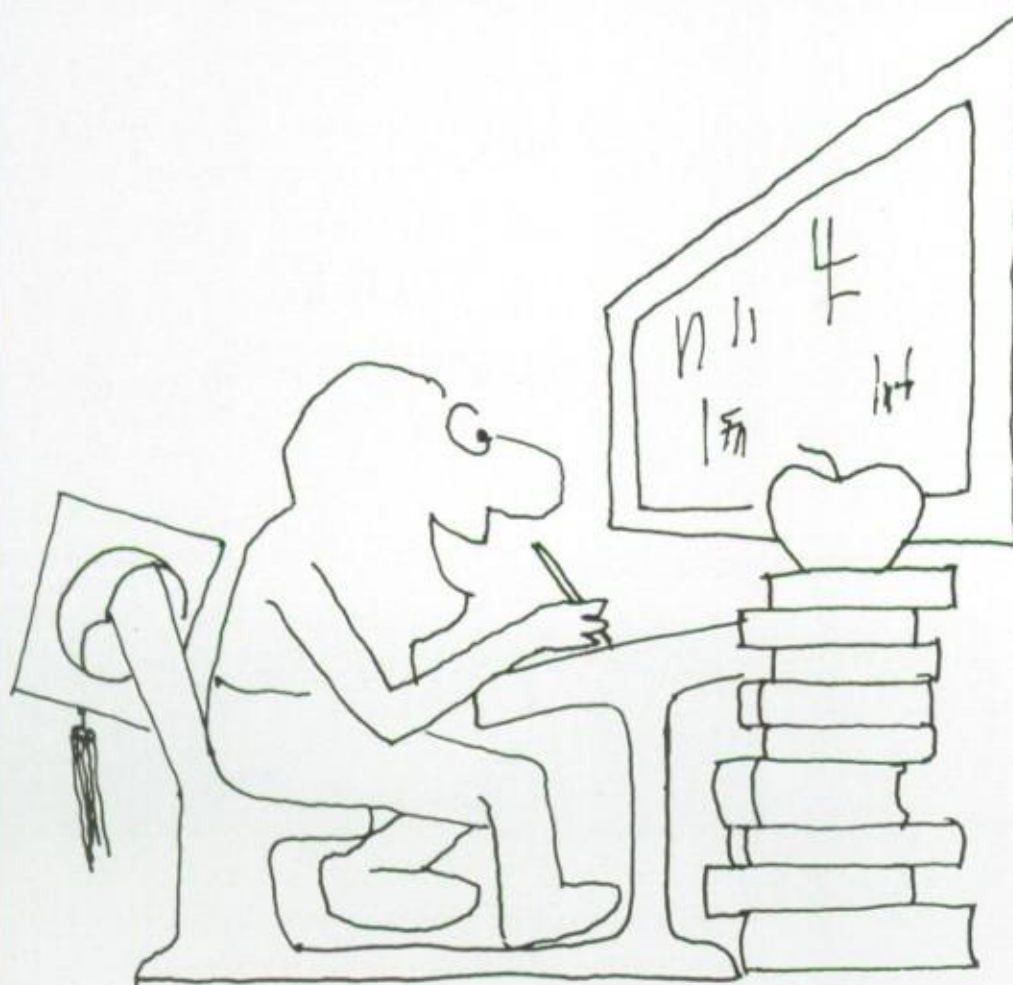
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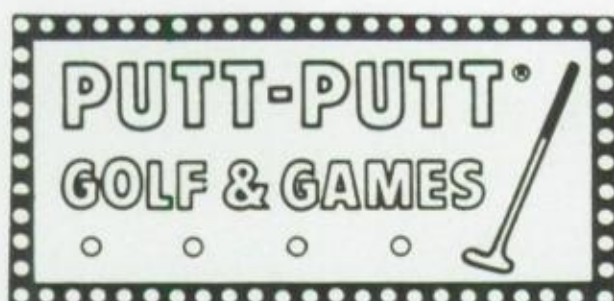
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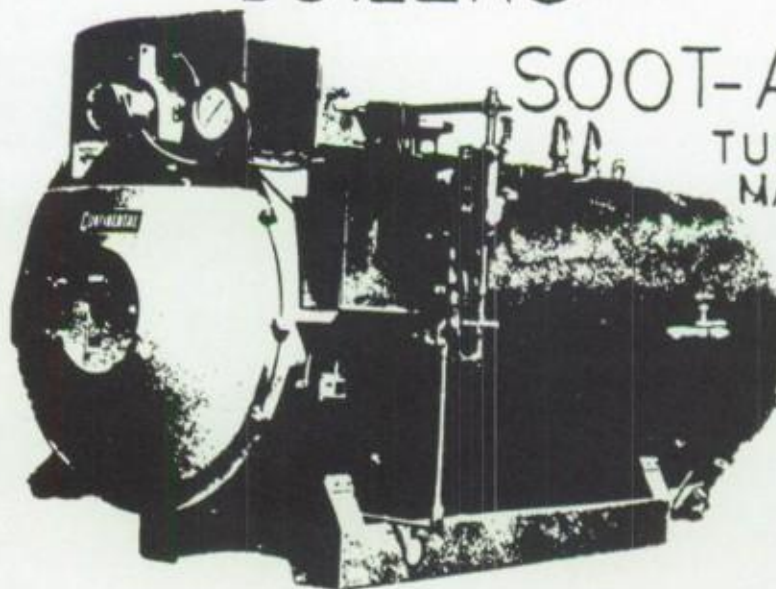
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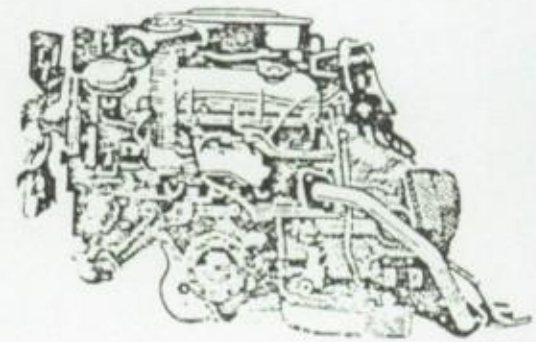
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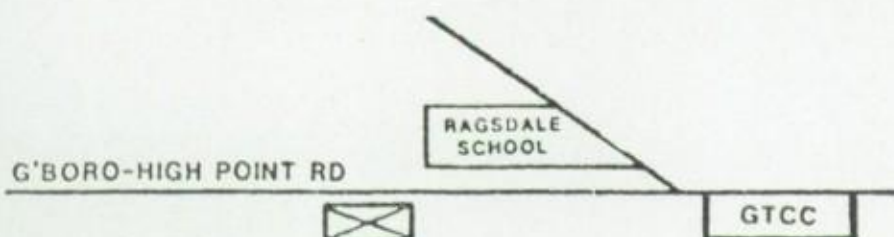
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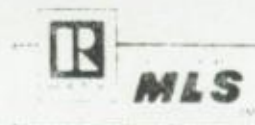


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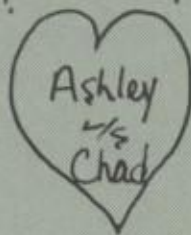
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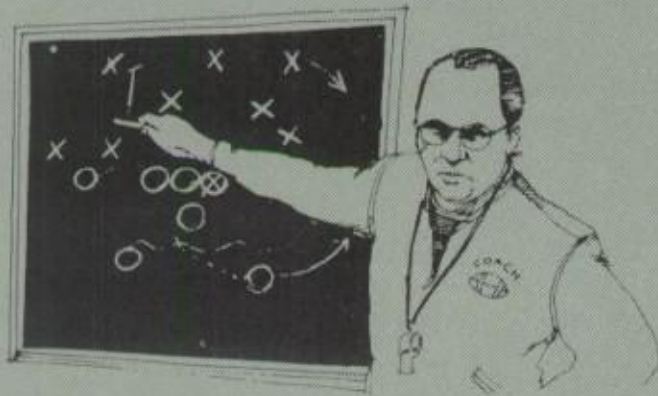
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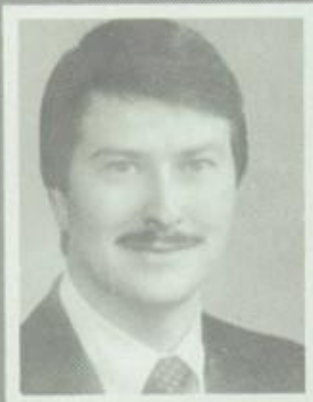
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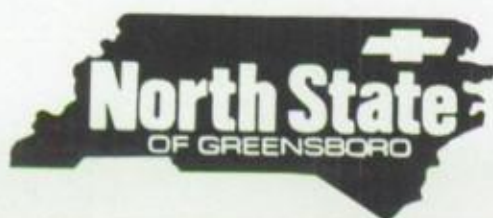


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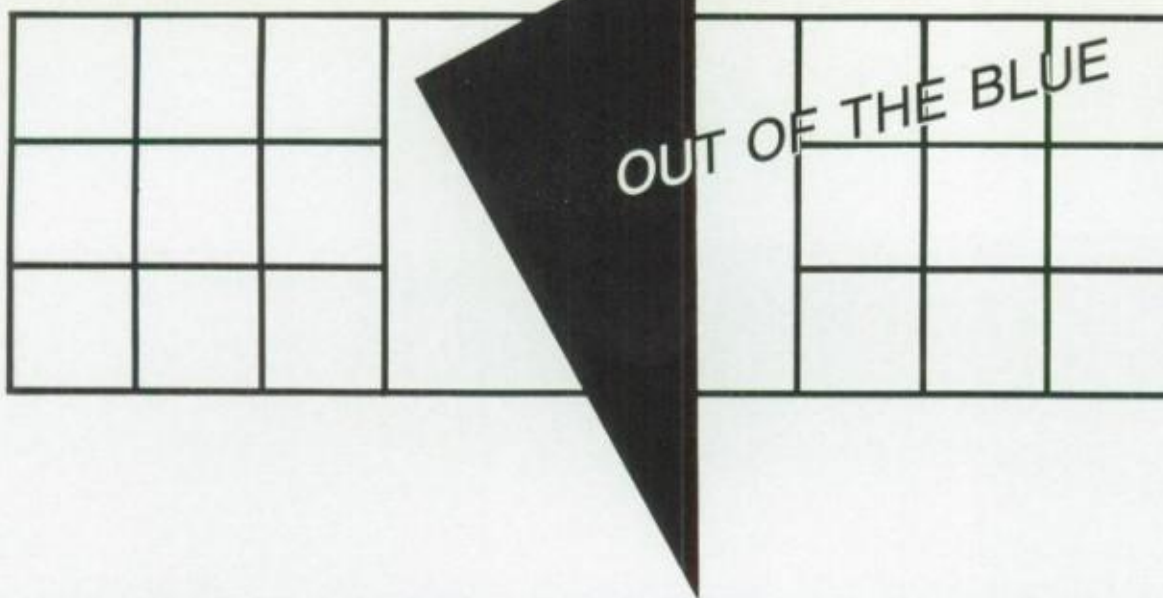
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